POTENTIAL BILLING COMPANIES FOR CELLULAR CARRIERS

CAUTION: The billing companies are identified as a point of mailings for roamer tapes, Thus there is the potential that some of the billing companies are only processing the roamer traffic and are not the primary processor of the total customer billing for the cellular carrier.

ASSUMED BILLING VENDOR CELLULAR CARRIER NOTES

AUXCO CONTEL CELLULAR

PACTEL MOBILE

SO.WESTERN BELL MIGRATING MOBILE SYSTEMS AUXCO

SYSTEM

BELL SOUTH MOBILITY

CBSI B.C. CELLULAR

BOSTON CELLULAR

UNITED TELESPECTRUM, INC.

NORFOLK CELLULAR

METRO ONE

METROPLEX TELECOMMUNICATIONS

METROCELL

GREENSBORO CELLULAR

DETROIT CELLULAR

AUTOMATIC WIDE AREA CELLULAR

CENTEL

HOUSTON CELLULAR TELEPHONE

COMPANY

BAY AREA CELLULAR TELEPHONE

COMPANY

MCCAW COMMUNICATIONS



POTENTIAL BILLING COMPANIES, PAGE 2

ASSUMED BILLING VENDOR

CELLULAR CARRIER

NOTES

BANK OF ILLINOIS

METRO MOBILE

BUFFALO TELEPHONE

CINN. BELL INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BELL CELLULAR INC.

(CANADA)

AMERITECH

BELL ATLANTIC ENT. CORP.

UNITED STATES CELLULAR

BELL ATLANTIC

ALTEL MOBILE

NYNEX

CELLTECH

LOUISVILLE CELLULAR TELEPHONE

COMPANY

YOUNGSTOWN CELLULAR

CAROLINA METRONET

BAYFONE OF TAMPA

COMMONWEALTH COMMUNICATIONS

AKRON CELLULAR TELEPHONE

NORTHERN OHIO CELLULAR

COMMONWEALTH CELLULAR

NEWVECTOR NEWVECTOR

GENCEL



POTENTIAL BILLING COMPANIES, PAGE 3

ASSUMED BILLING VENDOR CELLULAR CARRIER NOTES

CARRIERS PERFORMING SELF PROCESSSING

SOUTHWESTERN BELL MOBILE SYSTEMS (MIGRATION AUXCO SYS)

ROCHESTER TELEPHONE

RADIOPHONE

MANUAL BILLING

CYBERTEL

CANTEL





Parsippany Place Corporate Center, Suite 201, 959 Route 46 East, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (201) 299-6999

May 13, 1986

Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager-New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mrs. Price:

This proposal is presented in response to your request for further information on the prospects of the market for cellular bill processing. Bill processing is used in the generic sense and includes service order, CRIS, number assignment and other related functions rather than applying strictly to "edit-rate-print-mail" bill production. It expands upon our earlier study outline in the letter of February 24, 1986 and develops the basic concepts presented there more fully in light of recent discussions and developments.

UNDERSTANDING

INPUT understands that GTEDS wishes to build upon its recently developed base in Mobilnet cellular processing which is moving in-house from an outside source. We further understand that preliminary discussions have been held with a current provider of cellular billing services regarding the possibility of acquiring their processing business and that GTEDS may be interested in acquiring the business of other billing providers. To determine the appropriate level of investment in this form of processing it becomes necessary to understand the market for these services and its segmentation, market growth,



pricing practices and likely future course over the next five years. Additionally it is important to understand the actions of the competitors of which there are at least nine firms. INPUT expects that perhaps four or five of these firms would be directly competitive to GTEDS. To the cellular billing arena GTEDS believes it brings certain powerful advantages. Among these are:

- 1. Strong knowledge of billing systems.
- Excellent operational skills.
- 3. Massive processing capacity in several computing centers.
- 4. Efficient, low-cost processing ability.

GTEDS personnel find the market attractive because of its apparent congruence with GTED's skills and expected rapid growth.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Based upon discussions, there are three key areas in which further information appears needed to develop an acceptable forecast and participation strategy.

 Growth of new cellular operators, particularly non-wireline providers, their switch characteristics, "live" dates, financial status and ownership. GTEDS personnel believe that this group has particularly high potential.

Additional thereto, INPUT believes that there may also be significant potential at operating wireline providers due to rumors of dissatisfaction with current billing services.

These two elements should be combined to provide a segmented total forecast of the number of bills to be produced annually for the next three to five years. This may be considered the "gross market potential"



- The second key area is competitive positioning, strategy and tactics, as well as pricing. With the addition of this data a <u>net</u> market potential may be developed as well as the dollar volume of the market.
- 3. The third key area is user perceptions, plans and intentions. Conditioned upon this data, it is feasible to develop an available market forecast. Due to the possibility that major celular providers may move billing in-house, it is conceptually possible that the available market may shrink while the market as a whole grows rapidly. It is further possible that new operators may not have volume sufficient to warrant a "mainframe service solution" and will be able to bill adequately with micro or mini-based systems. These operators would also be "unavailable" to GTEDS.

We feel strongly that the market for cellular <u>billing</u> services is distinct from the market for cellular <u>telephone</u> service (although related) and requires a specific and somewhat different approach.

Accordingly, we see the task as divisable into the following parts:

PART 1. - Segment the market by wireline/non-wireline, operating and emerging. Determine from secondary sources supplemented by primary research (if needed) the operational status, size and billing source for the carriers. A further segmentation by market size may be needed, e.g. Top 30, second thirty, etc. Determine the areas of greatest "gross" opportunity.



PART 2. - Determine the pricing policies of the various competitors, principal systems features, hardware type and related data for an agreed set of competitors, most likely IBM-mainframe based, but to include other hardware such as micro's. This activity will have two purposes: 1) the data is directly related to the market sizing exercise and 2) evaluating competitors as potential acquisition candidates. Efforts will also be made to determine clients at this stage although client name data is essentially derived from PART 3. The prime objective of PARTS 1 & 2 is to understand as fully as possible segmentation and competitors to maximize the outputs of PART 3.

PART 3. - This part requires a telephone survey of cellular operators to determine:

- a. Current processing method.
- Service features most used, i.e. S.O.E., on-line account history, trouble reporting, automatic number assignment, etc.
- Service features most desired (but not available from current source).
- d. Expected growth in number of bills produced.
- e. Satisfaction with current service; problems if any.
- f. Future bill processing plans including in-house.
- g. Satisfaction with current pricing.
- Likelihood of changing billing service in the future, e.g. next year, two years.
- i. Price sensitivity.
- Other significant factors to be jointly determined including those which may emerge from PARTS 1 & 2 through analysis.



On the presumption that GTEDS interest does not extend below the top 90 (ninety) markets and that there is a potential of two carriers per market, we have a universe of 180 respondents. INPUT recommends that a sample be drawn from this group of 60 operators (or potential operators). This will provide 90% confidence in yes/no answers at +/- 6% (approximately), a degree of accuracy sufficient for the present purpose.

We believe the above method will allow GTEDS to make decisions with confidence, compete effectively in the market if warranted and isolate attractive venture partners or acquisition suspects. It will be especially effective in determining objectively the true prospects of the entities in which GTEDS currently has an acquisition interest. Most importantly, it will provide proper forecasts of billing volumes, expenditures, satisfaction levels and related factors which will permit GTEDS to make informed judgements regarding the degree and type of participation warranted by market conditions and cellular operator practices, plans and intentions.

INPUT wishes to note that all items in the memo of May 9 ("Studies") will be covered in this proposed engagement. Additionally INPUT will provide ad hoc consulting based on prior experience in the study of billing systems (and cellular in particular) to assist GTEDS in formulating an effective preliminary strategy during the time this engagement is being executed. An onsite presentation of all study findings, analyses and recommendations will be made.

PROJECT START DATE: May 23, 2986



SCHEDULE & FEES

INPUT believes it will be able to accomplish Parts 1 & 2 of this engagement (segmentation and basic competitors) within three weeks of receipt of signed authorization. We further believe it is possible to execute PART 3 including questionnaire design, sampling, interviewing and analysis within 7-8 weeks with no allowance made for intervening holidays. The fee for the engagement is \$33,800.00 which is payable in two equal installments of \$19,400, one at the onset of the engagement and the other at its conclusion. Expenses for travel, expedited shipping, documents acquired solely for this engagement and related incidental items will be billed at documentable cost at the conclusion of the engagement. Expenses will not exceed 5% of the engagement fee without the specific permission of the GTEDS project manager. Fees shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after GTEDS' receipt of INPUT's invoice.

CONCLUSION

Based on its prior experience in the study of the market for these systems and similar ones, knowledge of the competitors and extensive experience in market assessments, INPUT feels that it is extremely well-qualified to undertake this study for GTEDS. If there are any questions please address them to the undersigned. To give effect to this agreement it is only necessary to sign in the space provided below. Thank you for thinking of INPUT.

Sincercly,

D. W. Fostle Vice President

Accepted by GTE DATA SERVICES:

Name: DAVID K. DENMARK

Title: PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

Date: JUN

Signature:

Accepted by INPUT:

Name: D.W. Fostle

Title: NICE PRESIDENT

Date: JUNE 14, 1986

Signature:



Wireline Operators

Alltel Cellular Communications Charlotte, NC

Ameritech Mobile Communications Chicago Detroit Milwaukee Cincinnati Columbus Dayton

Gary Flint

Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems Philadelphia Washington Pittsburgh Baltimore Allentown Wilmington

Bell South Mobility
Miami
Atlanta
New Orleans
Memphis
Louisville
Birmingham
Nashville
Jacksonville
Orlando
W. Palm Beach
Baton Rouge
Chattanooga

Centel Cellular Company Greensboro Omaha

Commonwealth Cellular North East Pennsylvania

Contel Cellular Norfolk Richmond Fresno El Paso Mobile



Wireline Operators

GTE Mobilnet
San Francisco
Houston
Cleveland
Tampa
San Jose
Indianapolis
Portland
Honolulu
Akron
Grand Rapids
Greenville
Austin
Lansing
Canton

New Vector Communications
Minneapolis
Denver
Seattle
Phoenix
Salt Lake City
Tucson
Tacoma
Albuquerque
Colorado Springs
Portland

Nynex Mobile
New York
Boston
Buffalo
Providence
Albany
Syracuse
Worchester
New Brunswick
Springfield
Long Branch
New Bedford

Pac Tel Mobile Access Los Angeles San Diego Sacramento Oxnard

Rochester Telephone Mobile Cms.
Rochester

Southern New England Telephone Hartford Bridgeport New Haven



Wireline Operators

Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems
Dallas
St. Louis
Kansas City
San Antonio
Oklahoma City
Wichita

United States Cellular Tulsa Knoxville

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CELLULAR RADIO SUMMARY STATISTICS

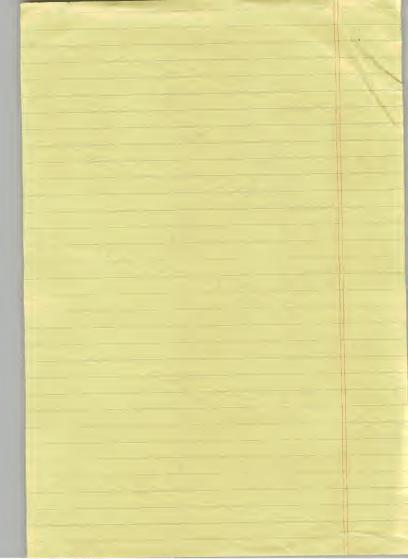
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REVENUE	\$ 178,000,000	\$300,000,000	71.9
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June 5, 1986

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Dear Don:

Attached please find the following information concerning the cellular study:

- Features and Benefits items that we would like to be addressed in the customer call survey.
- 2. Potential Billing Companies for Cellular Carriers.
- 3. June copy of "Cellular Business" status report.
- List of attendees at June 2-4, 1986, CTIA convention.
- Copy of program speakers on presentation at CTIA of "Cellular Tealeaves: What's in the Forecast".

Hope this will be helpful,

J.D. Lambert

TIBS-Cellular Business



INPUT STUDY FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- A. More localized processing, (Regional GTEDS data centers vs one data center of existing processing companies).
- B. Wireline vs Non wireline, (prospective of wireline/non wireline carrier being processed by a predominantly wireline/non wireline processing company). Question of perceived data base security by processing company.
- C. Importance of processing backup and disaster recovery programs. How do they perceive their current supplier's capabilities to recover, or minimize on line interruptions.
- D. What is perception of network cost and service impact of sending and retrieving information with their current vendor?
- E. What is the perception of network backup vs cost. Do they have network backup?
- F. Does the customer's operation utilize centralized concepts in switch monitoring and management, Administration and maintenance. (remote order entry, bill inquiry etc)? If not, are they interested?
- G. Is automatic interface between the centralized switch control system and the billing and support system perceived as of value?
- H. Clearing House:

Value to company of one contract with cleaning house vs roaming agreements with all other companies. Value of clearing house assuming account payable and receivables responsibilities vs preparing account statements of payable and receivables but the individual companies being responsible for payment and collections.

Price per message that they would pay?

- Perceptions of contact to mainframe vs microbased systems? Less flexibility at a lower cost. What are they not willing to give up for the lower cost system.
- J. Remote order entry and service activation via agents, and/or resellers.
- K. Feature that allows mass input and updates for credits to customer accounts.





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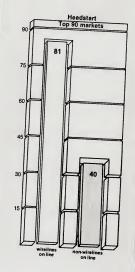


Key: W-wireline carrier. NW-non-wireline carrier. CPG-construction permit granted. Information available as of April 25, 1986.

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7 SAN FRANCI	NW - Cellular One	CPG 8/9/84	27	
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2 MIAMI	NW - Floride Cellular Telephone		18	NTI/GE
3 PITTSBURGH	NW-Cellular One	CPG 3/6/84	17	
4 BALTIMORE	full Column Ork	On fine 4/2/84 On fine 12/16/93		Astronet
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•	W - New Vector Communication NW - Cellular One	CPG 1/31/85	11	NEC (I)
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BUFFALO	W - Southwestern Bell Mobil: NW - Cellular One	On line 5 14/84 On line 2/14/86	13	Man .
PHOENIX	W - Nynex Mobile NW - Buffalo Telephone	On line 4/16/84 On line 6/1/84	7	Methoda. Encore
SAN JOSE	W-NewVector Communications NW-Metro Mobile CTS	On line 8/15/84 On line 3/1/86	9	NTI GE Versio
INDIANAPOLIS	W - GTE Mobilinet NW - Cellular One	On line 4/2/85 CPG 8/9/84	24° h	ricsson
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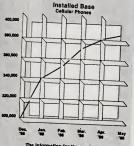


The Procurement Stakes

	Top 90 markets	
Manufacturer	Systems contracted for	Systems on line
Motorola	63	48
AT&T	51	40
NTI/GE	20	18
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NEC	4	-
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New Markets





The information for the graph above is extrapolated from industry sources.

The material for this listing has been collected from the FCC and system operators. If you have new or additional information or yet listed here, please call Kenda Richardson, associate editor, at 913-878-486.

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67	GREENVILLE SC	W - GTE Mobilnet NW - Metro Mobile	CPG 11/1/84 CPG 2/21/85		Motorola Motorola
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quiring analysis by engineering personnel intimately knowledgeable with not only the features and functions of the equipment, but also the equipment engineering design and components.

The decision

At the beginning of the article, we emphasized that all too often the operator's maintenance concerns revolve around the hub and not the spokes of the wheel, It was not our intent to minimize the importance of the switch, but to highlight an area which should be of significant importance to cellular system operators. It is unfortunately an area that receives too little attention too late. Also, it was not our intent to provide a cellular system operator with all of the answers to his cell site maintenance questions; it was our goal to provide a framework from which the right questions could be asked.

No cellular system operator should be reluctant to request extensive information regarding maintenance support from cellular system equipment manufacturers and potential third party service providers. The level of emphasis placed on maintenance by manufacturers varies considerably and the operator must be cognizant of subtleties in the manufacturers' approach to meeting the operators' needs today, and in the future. The analysis of third party service providers should be even more rigorous than that of the equipment manufacturers. Some, or all, of the non-quantifiable benefits of contracted service may be missing from the third party's resource and skill base.

Remedial and preventive maintenance are unavoidable tasks. It is incumbent upon the cellular system operator to make the right decisions during the planning process. The relative effect of the factors of the equation are up to you. Cell site maintenance doesn't cost, it pays.

Korbeck and Mayer are Cellular Implementation Managers in Motorola's National Service organization, Schaumburg, IL.



Cellular Tealeaves: What's in the Forecast?

Market analysts will turn their attention to a review of industry performance and to estimates of what lies ahead as the industry matures. This discussion will provide insight into conventional wisdom on market potential, and observations on developments which will affect cellular markets, including judicial, regulatory and Congressional actions.

Moderator:

The Honorable Dean Burch Partner Pierson, Ball and Dowd

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William Church WTC Information Service

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SUBJECT: INPUT STUDIES

DATE: May 9, 1986

I. JOINT VENTURE/ACQUISITION CANDIDATES

CBSI - CELLULAR BUSINESS SYSTEM

- A. Current Financial Situation
- B. Customer Base
- C.-5 Customer Perception of Service
- D. Customer Perspective of Systems to Meet Needs
- E. Cost of Service

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- A. Customer Base
- B. Cost
- C. Customer Perception of AUXCO Service
- D. Customer Perception of AUXCO System

III. CELLULAR MARKETING

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- A. Bell Atlantic Enterprises Inc. & New Vector Processing Services Analysis
 - Features comparative to other (?)
 - Features comparative to other Systems - Customer Perception
 - 2. Cost
 - Service

B. Non-Wire Lines

- a. Status of on-line plans
 - b. Timing
 - c. Billing and Services Provides Contracted Length
 - d. Cost
 - e. Service Satisfaction
 - f. Switching Equipment Utilized
 - g. Do they have centralized monitoring and maintenance
 - including recent change update?
 - h. Service orders automated? How?
 - PC, Back, on-line
 - i. Financial Stability of Operation
 - j. Owners/Partners identify % of any wireline holdings



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GTE Data Services Incorporated First Florida Tower P. O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601 813 224-3131

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Mr. D. W. Fostle, Vice President INPUT Suite 201 959 Route 46 East Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Mr. Fostle:

Enclosed in duplicate is the letter agreement dated May 13, 1986 between INPUT and GTE Data Services Incorporated (GTEDS) covering services to be provided by INPUT relative to cellular billing market potential. Please note that on page 5 of the letter agreement 1 have added a PROJECT START DATE section and on page 6 have added a sentence at the end of the SCHEDULE & FEES section. Also enclosed in duplicate is a "Work Made for Hire" and Confidentiality Agreement, substantially identical to the one previously executed for another project, relating to this project. The signature block of this agreement contains space for signature by INPUT's employees who will be working on this project.

Both copies of these documents have been signed, and the additions to the letter agreement initialled, on behalf of GTEDS by David K. Denmark, Procurement Director. Please execute both copies of both documents on behalf of INPUT and obtain the signatures of INPUT's employees who will be working on the cellular billing project. One fully-executed set of these documents should be retained by you for your file and the other returned to me for GTEDS' file.

Also enclosed is GTEDS' Purchase Order No. 55401. This number must appear on INPUT's invoices.

If I may be of any assistance or if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (813) 224-3746.

Sincerely.

Elizabeth A. Stalvey
Contract Administrator

Enclosures

cc: J. Lambert P. Price





Parsippany Place Corporate Center, Suite 201, 959 Route 46 East, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (201) 299-6999

May 13, 1986

Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager-New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mrs. Price:

This proposal is presented in response to your request for further information on the prospects of the market for cellular bill processing. Bill processing is used in the generic sense and includes service order, CRIS, number assignment and other related functions rather than applying strictly to "edit-rate-print-mail" bill production. It expands upon our earlier study outline in the letter of February 24, 1986 and develops the basic concepts presented there more fully in light of recent discussions and developments.

UNDERSTANDING

INPUT understands that GTEDS wishes to build upon its recently developed base in Mobilnet cellular processing which is moving in-house from an outside source. We further understand that preliminary discussions have been held with a current provider of cellular billing services regarding the possibility of acquiring their processing business and that GTEDS may be interested in acquiring the business of other billing providers. To determine the appropriate level of investment in this form of processing it becomes necessary to understand the market for these services and its segmentation, market growth,



pricing practices and likely future course over the next five years. Additionally it is important to understand the actions of the competitors of which there are at least nine firms. INPUT expects that perhaps four or five of these firms would be directly competitive to GTEDS. To the cellular billing arena GTEDS believes it brings certain powerful advantages. Among these are:

- 1. Strong knowledge of billing systems.
- Excellent operational skills.
- 3. Massive processing capacity in several computing centers.
- 4. Efficient, low-cost processing ability.

GTEDS personnel find the market attractive because of its apparent congruence with GTED's skills and expected rapid growth.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Based upon discussions, there are three key areas in which further information appears needed to develop an acceptable forecast and participation strategy.

 Growth of new cellular operators, particularly non-wireline providers, their switch characteristics, "live" dates, financial status and ownership. GTEDS personnel believe that this group has particularly high potential.

Additional thereto, INPUT believes that there may also be significant potential at operating wireline providers due to rumors of dissatisfaction with current billing services.

These two elements should be combined to provide a segmented total forecast of the number of bills to be produced annually for the next three to five years. This may be considered the "gross market potential"



- The second key area is competitive positioning, strategy and tactics, as well as pricing. With the addition of this data a <u>net</u> market potential may be developed as well as the dollar volume of the market.
- 3. The third key area is user perceptions, plans and intentions. Conditioned upon this data, it is feasible to develop an available market forecast. Due to the possibility that major celular providers may move billing in-house, it is conceptually possible that the available market may shrink while the market as a whole grows rapidly. It is further possible that new operators may not have volume sufficient to warrant a "mainframe service solution" and will be able to bill adequately with micro or mini-based systems. These operators would also be "unavailable" to GTEDS.

We feel strongly that the market for cellular <u>billing</u> services is distinct from the market for cellualr <u>telephone</u> service (although related) and requires a specific and somewhat different approach.

Accordingly, we see the task as divisable into the following parts:

PART 1. - Segment the market by wireline/non-wireline, operating and emerging. Determine from secondary sources supplemented by primary research (if needed) the operational status, size and billing source for the carriers. A further segmentation by market size may be needed, e.g. Top 30, second thirty, etc. Determine the areas of greatest "gross" opportunity.



PART 2. - Determine the pricing policies of the various competitors, principal systems features, hardware type and related data for an agreed set of competitors, most likely IBM-mainframe based, but to include other hardware such as micro's. This activity will have two purposes: 1) the data is directly related to the market sizing exercise and 2) evaluating competitors as potential acquisition candidates. Efforts will also be made to determine clients at this stage although client name data is essentially derived from PART 3.

The prime objective of PARTS 1 & 2 is to understand as fully as possible

segmentation and competitors to maximize the outputs of PART 3.

PART 3. - This part requires a telephone survey of cellular operators to determine:

- a. Current processing method.
- Service features most used, i.e. S.O.E., on-line account history, trouble reporting, automatic number assignment, etc.
- Service features most desired (but not available from current source).
- d. Expected growth in number of bills produced.
- e. Satisfaction with current service; problems if any.
- f. Future bill processing plans including in-house.
- g. Satisfaction with current pricing.
- Likelihood of changing billing service in the future, e.g. next year, two years.
- i. Price sensitivity.
- Other significant factors to be jointly determined including those which may emerge from PARTS 1 & 2 through analysis.



On the presumption that GTEDS' interest does not extend below the top 90 (ninety) markets and that there is a potential of two carriers per market, we have a universe of 180 respondents. INPUT recommends that a sample be drawn from this group of 60 operators (or potential operators). This will provide 90% confidence in yes/no answers at +/- 6% (approximately), a degree of accuracy sufficient for the present purpose.

We believe the above method will allow GTEDS to make decisions with confidence, compete effectively in the market if warranted and isolate attractive venture partners or acquisition suspects. It will be especially effective in determining objectively the true prospects of the entities in which GTEDS currently has an acquisition interest. Most importantly, it will provide proper forecasts of billing volumes, expenditures, satisfaction levels and related factors which will permit GTEDS to make informed judgements regarding the degree and type of participation warranted by market conditions and cellular operator practices, plans and intentions.

INPUT wishes to note that all items in the memo of May 9 ("Studies") will be covered in this proposed engagement. Additionally INPUT will provide ad hoc consulting based on prior experience in the study of billing systems (and cellular in particular) to assist GTEDS in formulating an effective preliminary strategy during the time this engagement is being executed. An onsite presentation of all study findings, analyses and recommendations will be made.

PROJECT START DATE: May 23, 2986



SCHEDULE & FEES

INPUT believes it will be able to accomplish Parts 1 & 2 of this engagement (segmentation and basic competitors) within three weeks of receipt of signed authorization. We further believe it is possible to execute PART 3 including questionnaire design, sampling, interviewing and analysis within 7-8 weeks with no allowance made for intervening holidays. The fee for the engagement is \$38,800.00 which is payable in two equal installments of \$19,400, one at the onset of the engagement and the other at its conclusion. Expenses for travel, expedited shipping, documents acquired solely for this engagement and related incidental items will be billed at documentable cost at the conclusion of the engagement. Expenses will not exceed 5% of the engagement fee without the specific permission of the GTEDS project manager. Fees shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after GTEDS' receipt of INPUT's invoice.

CONCLUSION

Based on its prior experience in the study of the market for these systems and similar ones, knowledge of the competitors and extensive experience in market assessments, INPUT feels that it is extremely well-qualified to undertake this study for GTEDS. If there are any questions please address them to the undersigned. To give effect to this agreement it is only necessary to sign in the space provided below. Thank you for thinking of INPUT.

Sincerely,

D. W. Fostle

Vice President			
Accepted by GTE DATA SERVICES:	Accepted by INPUT:		
Name: DAVID K. DENMARK	Name: D.W. Fostle		
Title: PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR	Title: VICE PRESIDENT		
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PURCHASE ORDER

GTE Data Services

TO:

SHIPMENT HEREUNDER CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE BY VENDOR OF ALL PROVISIONS HEREOF INCLUDING THOSE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

INPUT

Attn.: Mr. D. Fostle

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SEND ALL INVOICES. IN TRIPLICATE, TO:

GTE DATA SERVICES GENERAL ACCOUNTING P.O. BOX 1548 TAMPA FLORIDA 33601

SEND ALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS. SHIPPING SCHEDULES, AND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

GTE DATA SERVICES PURCHASING

PO BOX 1548 TAMPA FLORIDA 33601 PURCHASE ORDER NO. MUST APPEAR ON ALL PACKAGES, INVOICES. AND CORRESPONDENCE

55401 PURCHASE ORDER NO.

DATE 06-09-86

DATE REQUIRED ASAP

SHIP TO:

GTE DATA SERVICES INCORPORATED

· 111 East Madison Street

 Tampa, FL 33602 ATTN OF: J. Lambert

DC 166

DATE REO, REC'D ORIGINATED BY N/A CSDV 32-350 774 22325 705 06-09-86 As due Lambert, J. ESTIMATED COST QUANTITY DESCRIPTION UNIT UNIT COST TOTAL -RECEIVED ORDERED THIS IS A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE FOLLOWING: Market Analysis of need for cellular bill processing payable in 38,800.00 (two (2) equal installments of \$19,400) 1,940.00 Engagement expenses not to exceed: \$40,740,00 ALL INVOICES MUST SHOW THE ABOVE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER.

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"WORK MADE FOR HIRE" AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated as of May 23, 1986, is made between GTE Data Services Incorporated ("GTEDS"), INPUT, and INPUT's employee(s) assigned to this project (INPUT and such employee(s) are collectively referred to herein as "Consultant") in connection with consulting services to be provided to GTEDS by INPUT pursuant to a letter agreement between the parties, dated May 13, 1986, relating to GTEDS' proposed entry into the cellular billing market.

The parties hereto expressly agree that the work to be performed by Consultant pursuant to the above-referred to letter agreement (including any extension thereof) is specifically ordered by GTEDS and shall be considered a work made for hire as defined by the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. \$101.

The parties recognize that in order to perform this work, Consultant will need access to certain information which is confidential and proprietary to GTEDS and its suppliers and customers, and which GTEDS is unwilling (or in some cases not legally authorized) to disclose without adequate assurances that such information will be properly used and protected. Accordingly, Consultant voluntarily assumes the following obligations:

In consideration of the disclosure of Confidential and Proprietary Information, Consultant hereby agrees as follows:

- 1. "Confidential and Proprietary Information" shall mean information in oral or written form relating to the business or products of GTEDS, its suppliers and customers, including present status, plans and capabilities as well as the technology, architecture, data bases, and software associated therewith.
- 2. Consultant shall maintain all Confidential and Proprietary Information disclosed or received in confidence, and shall use it only for the purpose of performing the work called for pursuant to the above-referred to letter agreement; shall not disclose Confidential and Proprietary Information to third parties; shall not copy Confidential and Proprietary Information, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of GTEDS (except when such copying is done as a function of Consultant's work for GTEDS); and shall return the original and all copies of Confidential and Proprietary Information to GTEDS promptly following completion of the work to be performed pursuant to the above-referred to letter agreement or upon the request of GTEDS, whichever shall first occur.
- 3. Consultant shall have no obligation to keep confidential information which:
 - a. is already in Consultant's possession prior to disclosure by GTEDS;
 - b. is, or becomes, public knowledge other than by breach of this agreement;
 - c. is disclosed to Consultant by a third party rightfully in possession of same; or
 - d. is required to be disclosed by valid order of a court or other governmental body, or otherwise required by law.



4. Consultant's obligations hereunder with respect to handling, maintaining in confidence, and limited use of Confidential and Proprietary Information disclosed during Consultant's performance pursuant to the above-referred to letter agreement shall survive for a period of five years from the date hereof, and Consultant shall thereafter have no obligation with respect thereto.

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Consultant further agrees that while on GTEDS' premises to observe all working rules applicable to GTEDS' employees during similar work.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this agreement as of the date first set forth above.

By D.W. FOSTIE Name J. W. F. P.	By Manual Name Title Date
INPUT'S EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO PROJECT Printed Names:	<u>Signatures:</u>
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INVOICE

TO:

· GTE Data Services P.O. Box 1548 First Florida Tower Tampa, FL 33601

REF: Ms. Patricia Price

Manager

ATTENTION: • Accounts Payable

DATE 5/30/86	13209	PROJ. CODE	SALES ORDER# 5172	PURCHASE ORDER#
FOR: Professional fee for custom research "Cellular Telephone"				
First half now due and payable			\$19,400.00	
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Parsippany Place Corporate Center, Suite 201, 959 Route 46 East, Parsippany, NJ 07054 (201) 299-6999

May 13, 1986

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Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager-New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mrs. Price:

This proposal is presented in response to your request for further information on the prospects of the market for cellular bill processing. Bill processing is used in the generic sense and includes service order, CRIS, number assignment and other related functions rather than applying strictly to "edit-rate-print-mail" bill production. It expands upon our earlier study outline in the letter of February 24, 1986 and develops the basic concepts presented there more fully in light of recent discussions and developments.

UNDERSTANDING

IN PUT understands that GTEDS wishes to build upon its recently developed base in Mobilnet cellular processing which is moving in-house from an outside source. We further understand that preliminary discussions have been held with a current provider of cellular billing services regarding the possibility of acquiring their processing business and that GTEDS may be interested in acquiring the business of other billing providers. To determine the appropriate level of investment in this form of processing it becomes necessary to understand the market for these services and its segmentation, market growth,



pricing practices and likely future course over the next five years. Additionally it is important to understand the actions of the competitors of which there are at least nine firms. INPUT expects that perhaps four or five of these firms would be directly competitive to GTEDS. To the cellular billing arena GTEDS believes it brings certain powerful advantages. Among these are:

- 1. Strong knowledge of billing systems.
- Excellent operational skills.
- 3. Massive processing capacity in several computing centers.
- 4. Efficient, low-cost processing ability.

GTEDS personnel find the market attractive because of its apparent congruence with GTED's skills and expected rapid growth.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Based upon discussions, there are three key areas in which further information appears needed to develop an acceptable forecast and participation strategy.

 Growth of new cellular operators, particularly non-wireline providers, their switch characteristics, "live" dates, financial status and ownership. GTEDS personnel believe that this group has particularly high potential.

Additional thereto, INPUT believes that there may also be significant potential at operating wireline providers due to rumors of dissatisfaction with current billing services.

These two elements should be combined to provide a segmented total forecast of the number of bills to be produced annually for the next three to five years. This may be considered the "gross market potential"



- The second key area is competitive positioning, strategy and tactics, as well as pricing. With the addition of this data a net market potential may be developed as well as the dollar volume of the market.
- 3. The third key area is user perceptions, plans and intentions. Conditioned upon this data, it is feasible to develop an available market forecast. Due to the possibility that major celular providers may move billing in-house, it is conceptually possible that the available market may shrink while the market as a whole grows rapidly. It is further possible that new operators may not have volume sufficient to warrant a "mainframe service solution" and will be able to bill adequately with micro or mini-based systems. These operators would also be "unavailable" to GTEDS.

We feel strongly that the market for cellular <u>billing</u> services is distinct from the market for cellular <u>telephone</u> service (although related) and requires a specific and somewhat different approach.

Accordingly, we see the task as divisable into the following parts:

PART 1. - Segment the market by wireline/non-wireline, operating and emerging. Determine from secondary sources supplemented by primary research (if needed) the operational status, size and billing source for the carriers. A further segmentation by market size may be needed, e.g. Top 30, second thirty, etc. Determine the areas of greatest "gross" opportunity.



PART 2. - Determine the pricing policies of the various competitors, principal systems features, hardware type and related data for an agreed set of competitors, most likely IBM-mainframe based, but to include other hardware such as micro's. This activity will have two purposes: 1) the data is directly related to the market sizing exercise and 2) evaluating competitors as potential acquisition candidates. Efforts will also be made to determine clients at this stage although client name data is essentially derived from PART 3. The prime objective of PARTS 1 & 2 is to understand as fully as possible segmentation and competitors to maximize the outputs of PART 3.

PART 3. - This part requires a telephone survey of cellular operators to determine:

- a. Current processing method.
- Service features most used, i.e. S.O.E., on-line account history, trouble reporting, automatic number assignment, etc.
- Service features most desired (but not available from current source).
- d. Expected growth in number of bills produced.
- e. Satisfaction with current service; problems if any.
- Future bill processing plans including in-house.
- g. Satisfaction with current pricing.
- Likelihood of changing billing service in the future, e.g. next year, two years.
- i. Price sensitivity.
- j. Other significant factors to be jointly determined including those which may emerge from PARTS 1 & 2 through analysis.



On the presumption that GTEDS' interest does not extend below the top 90 (ninety) markets and that there is a potential of two carriers per market, we have a universe of 180 respondents. INPUT recommends that a sample be drawn from this group of 60 operators (or potential operators). This will provide 90% confidence in yes/no answers at +/- 6% (approximately), a degree of accuracy sufficient for the present purpose.

We believe the above method will allow GTEDS to make decisions with confidence, compete effectively in the market if warranted and isolate attractive venture partners or acquisition suspects. It will be especially effective in determining objectively the true prospects of the entities in which GTEDS currently has an acquisition interest. Most importantly, it will provide proper forecasts of billing volumes, expenditures, satisfaction levels and related factors which will permit GTEDS to make informed judgements regarding the degree and type of participation warranted by market conditions and cellular operator practices, plans and intentions.

INPUT wishes to note that all items in the memo of May 9 ("Studies") will be covered in this proposed engagement. Additionally INPUT will provide ad hoc consulting based on prior experience in the study of billing systems (and cellular in particular) to assist GTEDS in formulating an effective preliminary strategy during the time this engagement is being executed. An onsite presentation of all study findings, analyses and recommendations will be made.



SCHEDULE & FEES

INPUT believes it will be able to accomplish Parts 1 & 2 of this engagement (segmentation and basic competitors) within three weeks of receipt of signed authorization. We further believe it is possible to execute PART 3 including questionnaire design, sampling, interviewing and analysis within 7-8 weeks with no allowance made for intervening holidays. The fee for the engagement is \$38,800.00 which is payable in two equal installments of \$19,400, one at the onset of the engagement and the other at its conclusion. Expenses for travel, expedited shipping, documents acquired solely for this engagement and related incidental items will be billed at documentable cost at the conclusion of the engagement. Expenses will not exceed 5% of the engagement fee without the specific permission of the GTEDS project manager.

CONCLUSION

Based on its prior experience in the study of the market for these systems and similar ones, knowledge of the competitors and extensive experience in market assessments, INPUT feels that it is extremely well-qualified to undertake this study for GTEDS. If there are any questions please address them to the undersigned. To give effect to this agreement it is only necessary to sign in the space provided below. Thank you for thinking of INPUT.

Sincerely,

D. W. Fostle Vice President

Accepted by GTE DATA SERVICES:	Accepted by INPUT:		
Name:	Name:		
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THE MARKET FOR CELLULAR BILLING SERVICES

SPECIAL STUDY FOR

GTE DATA SERVICES

September 12, 1986

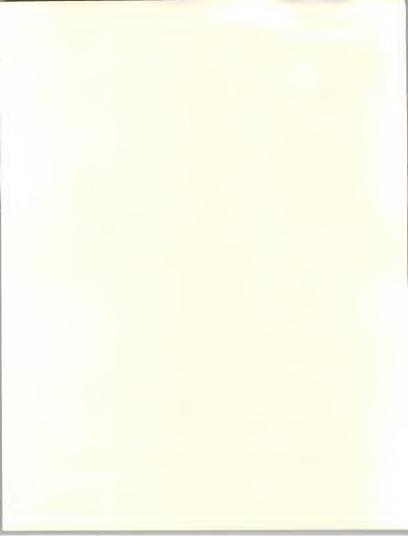
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INTRODUCTION

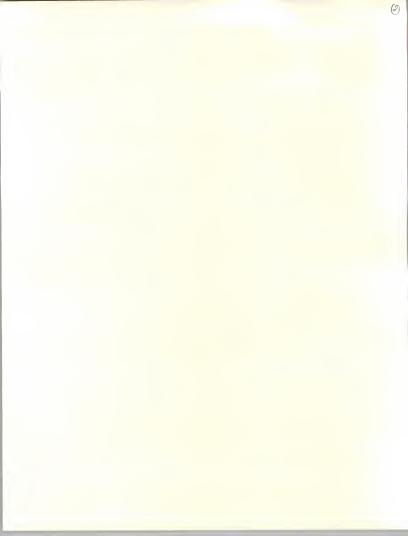
- IN MID-JUNE GTE DATE SERVICES COMMISSIONED A STUDY OF THE MARKET FOR CELLULAR BILLING SERVICES IN ORDER TO BETTER POSITION ITS ACTIVITIES IN THIS ARENA.
- O IN CONJUNCTION WITH INPUT A TELEPHONE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE WAS DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED TO 61 WIRELINE AND NON-WIRELINE OPERATORS OF CELLU-LAR SERVICES IN THE TOP 90 MARKETS.
- DATA WAS GATHERED ON A WIDE RANGE OF REVELANT ITEMS INCLUDING:
 - CURRENT PROCESSING SOURCE
 - SERVICE FEATURES USED
 - SERVICE FEATURES DESIRED
 - EXPECTED GROWTH
 - SATISFACTION WITH SERVICE
 - PRICING
 - LIKELIHOOD OF CHANGING SERVICES
 - USEFULNESS OF SPECIFIC GTE-PROPOSED FEATURES -OTHER ITEMS

- INPUT



INTRODUCTION (cont'd)

- THIS REPORT SETS FORTH STUDY FINDINGS IN THESE AND RELATED AREAS ALONG WITH INPUT'S ESTIMATE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE ITEMS.
- OF THE 61 COMPANIES REPORTED IN THIS STUDY 27.9%
 (17) WERE WIRELINES WHILE 72.1% WERE NON-WIRELINES.
- WITH WIRELINES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT BILLING
 IS HIGHLY CENTRALIZED AND CONSOLIDATED. THESE
 ARE "SINGLE LOCATION" BILLERS. OFTEN THEY HAVE
 LONG-STANDING BILLING RELATIONSHIPS.
- DESPITE THESE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS, THE DEGREE
 OF SATISFACTION IS NOT ALWAYS HIGH. OVERALL, SATISFACTION WITH BILLING SERVICES IS NOT OUTSTANDING
 COMPARED TO MANY SERVICES INPUT HAS EVALUATED.
- OVERALL QUALITY JUDGMENT ON A SCALE OF 1-5 IS A 3.4
 WITH I1.5% RATING SERVICE AS EXCELLENT OR "5."



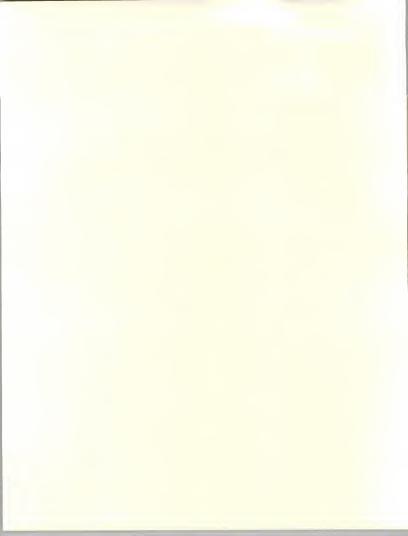
INTRODUCTION (cont'd)

- EQUALLY OR PERHAPS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THE FACT THAT 23% STATE IT IS "HIGHLY LIKELY" (5) THAT THEY WILL CONSIDER CHANGING BILLING SERVICE PROVIDERS. ANOTHER 23% RATE THE PROBABILITY OF CHANGING PROVIDER AS A "4." A TOTAL OF 46% INDICATE, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS LIKELY THEY WOULD CHANGE BILLING SERVICES.
- INPUT CONSIDERS THIS TO BE A HIGHLY VOLATILE

 MARKET WITH LESS THAN SATISFACTORY SERVICE

 LEVELS TO USERS IN EVIDENCE. AS SUCH, IT MAY

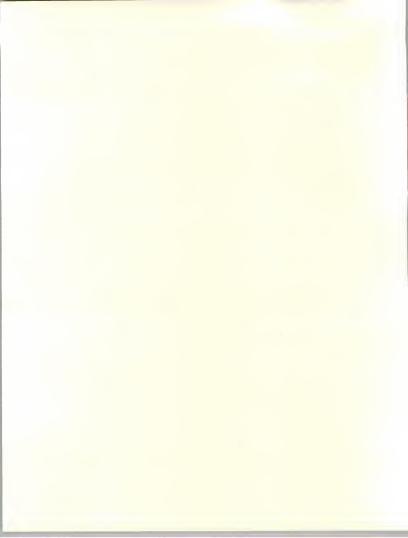
 PRESENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GTEDS.



SATISFACTION DETAIL AND CHANGE PROPENSITY

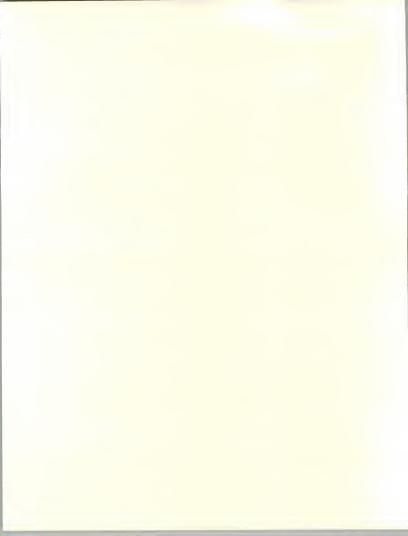
COMPANY	N	QUALITY MEAN	% HIGH QUALITY	CHANGE MEAN	% HIGH CHANGE
AUXTON	5	3.0	40	3.4	60
CINN. BELL	4	3.0	25	3.5	50
CBSI	15	3.4	33	3.6	53
CELLTECH	12	3.1	17	4.3	75
BANK ILL.	5	2.6	20	4.6	100

- DATA EXCLUDES "OTHER" AND INHOUSE RESPONDENTS
 AND CONCENTRATES ON FULLY INDEPENDENT BILLING SERVICES.
- NOTE THAT FOR ALL VENDORS THE MEAN CHANGE RATING EXCEEDS THE MEAN SATISFACTION RATING.
 WHILE NOT STATISCALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THESE SMALL CELL SIZES, THE TREND IS CLEAR.
- MORE IMPORTANTLY, OBSERVE THE PROPORTIONS FOR HIGH QUALITY SERVICE (4 OR 5 RATE) VERSUS THE HIGH WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER CHANGE.



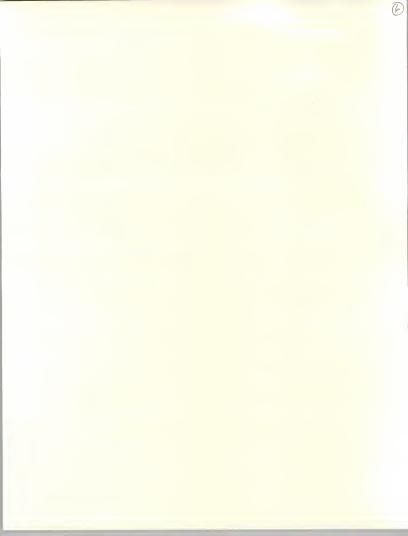
SATISFACTION (cont'd)

- SPECIFICALLY OBSERVE THAT ALL BANK OF ILLINOIS
 RESPONDENTS ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO CHANGE AND
 THAT 3 OUT OF 4 CELLTECH R'S ARE ALSO HIGHLY
 LIKELY. FOR THESE TWO ALSO NOTE THAT LESS THAN I
 IN 5 RESPONDENTS RATES SERVICE QUALITY AS HIGH.
- DURING THE COURSE OF THIS STUDY CINCINNATI BELL ACQUIRED CBSI. SIGNIFICANTLY, NEITHER IS STRONG IN SATISFACTION WITH ABOUT HALF OF EACH CLIENT BASE HIGHLY LIKELY TO CONSIDER CHANGING VENDORS. THIS SUGGEST THAT CINCINNATI BELL HAS NOT ACQUIRED A STRONG AND LOYAL CLIENT BASE AND WOULD SEEM TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ITS OWN CLIENTS. CINCINNATI BELL, IN INPUT'S OPINION, HAS A MAJOR CHALLENGE IS STABILIZING TWO CLIENT BASES ON TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS.
- LIKEWISE AUXTON DOES NOT APPEARS TO HAVE SERVED ITS CLIENTS PARTICULARLY WELL WITH 60% VERY LIKELY TO CONSIDER CHANGE.



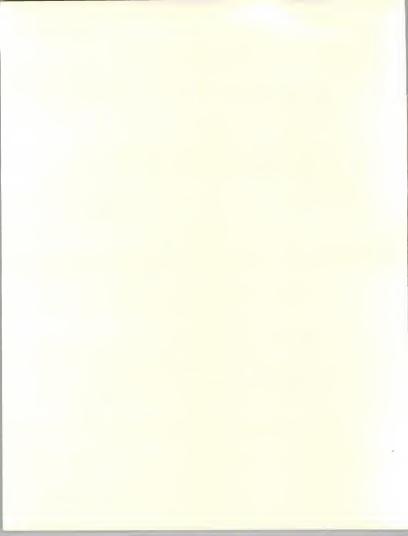
SATISFACTION (cont'd)

- WE CONCLUDE THAT RESPONDENTS DO NOT BELIEVE
 THAT THEY ARE PARTICULARLY WELL-SERVED BY THEIR
 VENDORS AND THAT THEY EXHIBIT RELATIVELY LOW
 LOYALTY.
- IF GTEDS CAN PROVIDE A CREDIBLE ALTERNATIVE IT
 SHOULD FIND THE TASK OF PRESENTING ITS SERVICE
 "CASE" TO BE RELATIVELY EASY. THESE RESPONDENTS
 ARE NOT WED TO THEIR CURRENT SUPPLIERS AND
 SHOULD READILY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.
- WHILE CELLTECH AND BANK OF ILLINOIS CLIENTS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, NO VENDOR EXHIBITS STRONG ABILITY TO HOLD CUSTOMERS.



MARKET GROWTH AND SIZE

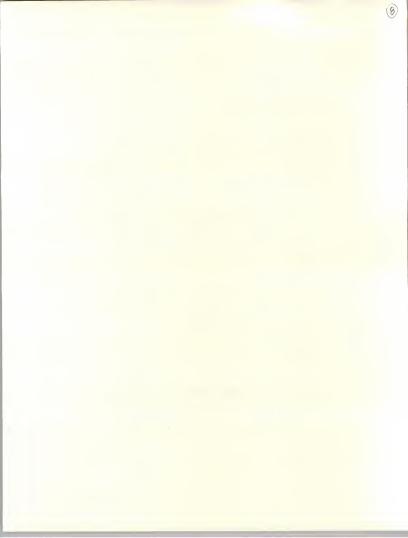
- RESPONDENTS ARE EXTREMELY BULLISH ON THE GROWTH OF CELLULAR. THE MEAN FORECAST GROWTH 1986-1987 WAS 71.9%. IN CONSIDERING THIS FORECAST, IT MUST BE RECOLLECTED THAT IT IS BIASED BY THE HIGH PROPORTION OF NON-WIRELINES IN START-UP MODE WHICH AVERAGED ABOUT 2,700 CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS. THIS WILL GROW TO ABOUT 4,200 IN MID-1987.
- LONGER TERM (3 YEAR HORIZON) RESPONDENTS EXPECT
 49.8% ANNUAL AVERAGE GROWTH. THIS WOULD PLACE
 THE AVERAGE NON-WIRELINE RESPONDENT AT 9200 SUB-SCRIBERS IN MID-1989. THIS IMPLIES ANNUALIZED BILLS
 OF ABOUT 110,000 PER RESPONDENT IN 1989.
- THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION ABOUT THE MEAN GROWTH FOR INDIVIDUAL RESPONDENTS. IN GENERAL, GROWTH ESTIMATES APPEAR TO BE INVERSELY RELATED TO SIZE OF SUBSCRIBER RASE.



MARKET GROWTH AND SIZE (cont'd)

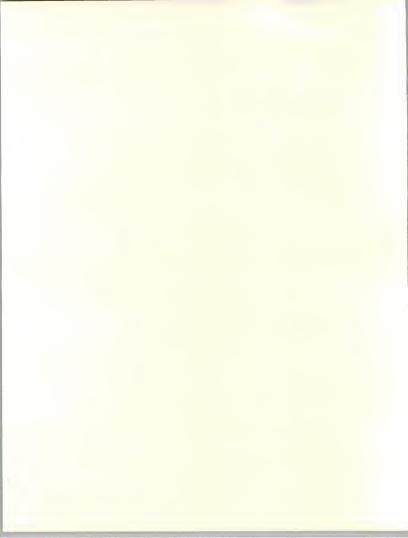
BASED ON TRADE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF SUB-SCRIBERS AS OF 1/86 AND THE RESPONDENT-PROVIDED GROWTH ESTIMATES THIS WOULD RESULT IN A SUB-SCRIBER BASE OF 1.07 MILLION UNITS AT 1/89, UP FROM THE CURRENT (1/86) 320,000 SUBSCRIBERS. SUCH A COUNT WOULD GENERATE 12.9 MILLION ANNUAL BILLS. AT AN AVERAGE OF \$2.50 PER BILL THIS IMPLIES THE EXISTENCE OF A \$33.3 MILLION PROCESSING MARKET IN 1989.

- AS SPECIALIZED MARKETS GO, THIS IS NOT PARTICULARLY LARGE. IF ORDINARILY PROFITABLE (FOR
 PROCESSING) WE WOULD EXPECT A "NET" PROFIT IN THE
 MARKET OF \$2-3 MILLION AT THESE VOLUMES IN 1989.
 THIS WOULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.
- SINCE A VERY AMBITIOUS 50% "SHARE" WOULD IMPLY
 PROFITS OF \$1-1.5 MILLION IN 1989, WE WOULD STRONGLY
 SUGGEST THAT GTEDS CONDITION ITS PARTICIPATION BY
 REALISTIC ASSESSMENTS OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT.



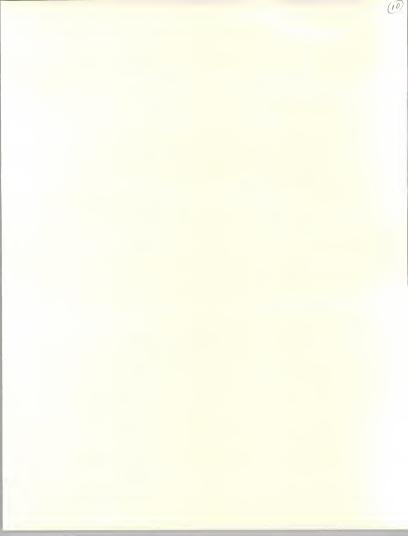
MARKET GROWTH AND SIZE (cont'd)

- DEPENDING UPON THE ECONOMICS OF MOBILNET'S
 PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS, IT MAY BE APPROPRIATE
 TO PLACE CONSIDERABLE VALUE ON THE ADD-ON
 "OUTSIDE" BUSINESS EVEN THOUGH THE MARKET IS NOT
 LARGE.
- WE CONCLUDE THAT CELLULAR MARKET IS EXPECTED
 TO GROW RAPIDLY BY RESPONDENTS OVER THE NEXT
 THREE YEARS. COMBINING RESPONDENT GROWTH FORECASTS WITH TRADE SUBSCRIBER DATA AND ESTIMATED
 COST DATA LEADS TO A PROJECTION OF A MODERATE
 MARKET SIZE IN 1989. THIS MARKET IS BELIEVED TO BE
 SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT CAREFUL INCREMENTAL
 INVESTMENT BEYOND MOBILINET REQUIREMENTS.
- NOTE: RESPONDENTS IN THIS STUDY REPORTED 149,950
 SUBSCRIBERS OR ABOUT 47% OF THE 1/86 CTIA BASE OF
 320,000. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE AN AMPLE PROPORTION
 FOR MARKET ESTIMATION PURPOSES.

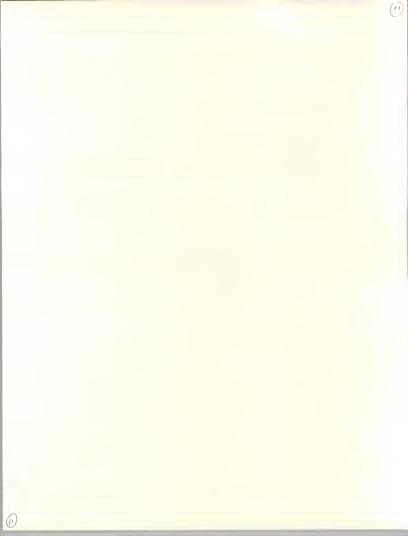


SYSTEM FEATURES

- EXTENSIVE DATA WAS GATHERED ON SYSTEM FEATURES
 AND THEIR USE. ALSO GATHERED WAS DATA ON THE
 IMPORTANCE OF THESE FEATURES AT THE PRESENT TIME
 AND THREE YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
- A TOTAL OF 30 SYSTEM FEATURES WAS TESTED. THE FEATURES FOR TEST WERE JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY GTEDS AND INPUT PERSONNEL.
- RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THEIR
 CURRENT SYSTEM PROVIDED THE CAPABILITY. THEY
 WERE THEN QUERIED AS TO HOW IMPORTANT THE
 FEATURE WAS (OR WOULD BE) IN THEIR OPERATIONS.
- IMPORTANCE BOTH CURRENT AND FUTURE WAS RATED ON A ONE TO FIVE (I-5) SCALE WITH "I" DESIGNATED AS UNIMPORTANT" AND "5" DESIGNATED AS "VERY IMPORTANT."



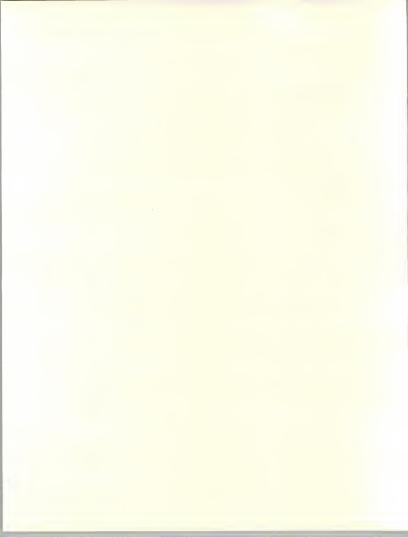
- FEATURE RATINGS VARIED BETWEEN 1.8 TO 4.9. THE RANGE OF VARIATION INDICATES THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEATURES IS MEANINGFUL TO RESPONDENTS.
- SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION WAS ALSO OBSERVED IN THE PROPORTION EMPLOYING THE FEATURES. PROPORTION WITH A SPECIFIC FEATURE RANGED FROM 6.6% TO 75.4%.
- OF THOSE FEATURES TESTED, 40% INCREASED IN
 IMPORTANCE NOW VERSUS 3 YEARS IN THE FUTURE IN A
 STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT WAY I.E., 90% CONFIDENCE
 INTERVAL. THEY ARE PRESENTED IN THE TABLE.



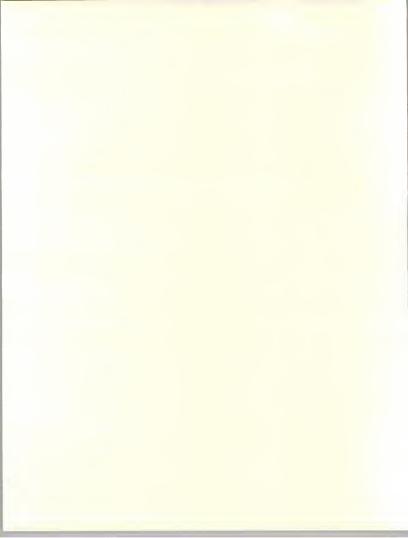
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FEATURES

FEATURE	% USE NOW	RATING NOW	RATING 3 YRS	DELTA
AUTO INTERFACE	24.6	4.1	4.7	.6
CENTRAL SWITCH MGMT.	55.7	4.0	4.6	.6
SINGLE CLEAR ROAMERS	13.1	4.0	4.6	.6
ELEC. DATA XFER.	11.5	3.3	4.4	1.1
ROAMER RCVABL.	9.8	3.8	4.3	.5
LOCK BOX	47.5	3.5	4.2	.7
MULTI-SITE BACKUP	27.9	3.6	4.2	.6
MULTIPLE BILL CYCLES	29.5	2.6	3.7	1.1
BILL ON DEMAND	8.2	2.7	3.7	1.0
BALANCE CYCLE LOADS	23.0	2.8	3.6	.8
LASER PRINTING	16.4	2.8	3.5	.7
REMOTE ACCT. INIT.	13.1	2.3	2.1	.8

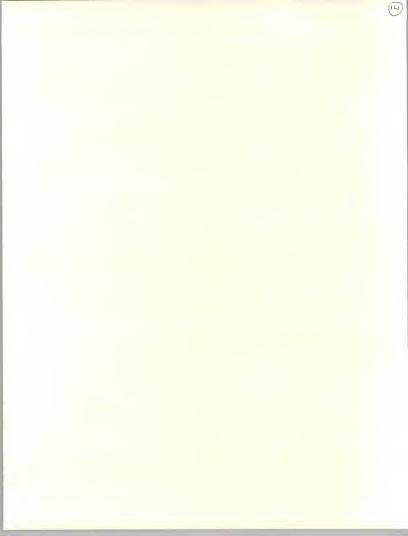
RANKING IS BY HIGH FUTURE IMPORTANCE.



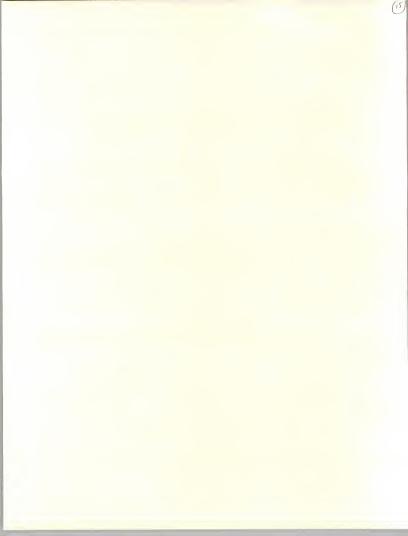
- CERTAIN OF THESE FEATURES ARE POTENTIAL DIFFER-ENTIATORS OF A GTEDS OFFERING IN THAT THEY ARE PERCEIVED AS HIGHLY IMPORTANT BUT ARE ONLY IN LIMITED USE BY 1/4 OR LESS OF RESPONDENTS. THEY COULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT AGENDA AND SHOULD DISTINGUISH GTEDS SERVICE FROM THE COMPETITION.
- DIFFERENTIATORS INCLUDE:
 - AUTOMATIC INTERFACE TO MTSO
 - A SINGLE CLEARING HOUSE FOR ROAMERS
 - ELECTRONIC DATA TRANSFER INSTEAD OF TAPE
 - INTER-COMPANY ROAMER RECEIVABLES BY CLEARING HOUSE
 - MULTI-SITE PROCESSING FOR BACKUP
- IMPORTANCE IS SOMEWHAT LOWER BUT STILL CONSIDER-ABLE FOR:
 - MULTIPLE BILLING CYCLES
 - BILLING ON DEMAND
 - BALANCED LOADING CYCLES



- MULTIPLE BILLING CYCLES AND BILLING ON DEMAND
 ARE CHARACTERIZED BY VERY STEEP IMPORTANCE IN CREASES AND LOW TO VERY LOW CURRENT INCIDENCE,
 BOTH DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS.
- LASER PRINTING AND REMOTE ACCOUNT INITIATION FOR
 AGENTS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY LIMITED CURRENT USE
 AND LESSER IMPORTANCE. IF EASILY PROVIDED THEY
 COULD BE OFFERED BUT ARE NOT MANDATORY FOR
 SUCCESSFUL DIFFERENTIATION IN THIS MARKET.
- GIVEN THE PARTICULARLY HIGH DELTAS AND LOW UTILI-ZATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC DATA TRANSFER, MULTIPLE BILLING CYCLES AND BALANCED CYCLE LOADS THESE SHOULD BE FARLY IN ANY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA.



- O THE ROAMER FUNCTIONS ARE, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, EXTREMELY COMPLEX TO IMPLEMENT AND FOR THIS REASON WOULD NOT BE RECOMMENDED FOR "FAST" DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO IMPLY A ROAMER "LINE OF BUSINESS" WHICH CANNOT BE RECOMMENDED (OR NOT RECOMMENDED) BASED ON THIS RESEARCH AS THE ROAMER ISSUE IS EXTRMELY COMPLEX AND TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT A SEPARATE ACTIVITY.
- WE CONCLUDE THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS FEATURES
 WHICH ARE HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE TO RESPONDENTS AND
 WHICH ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN USE. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE FEATURES WOULD PROVIDE GTEDS
 WITH SUBSTANTIAL SERVICE DIFFERENTIATION AND
 COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE.



MANDATORY SYSTEM FEATURES

OF THE FEATURES TESTED, CERTAIN ONES APPEAR AS

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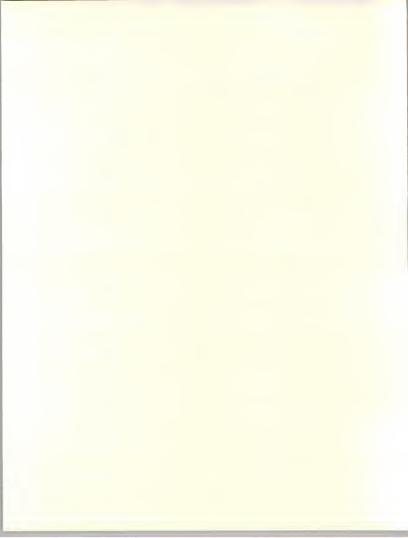
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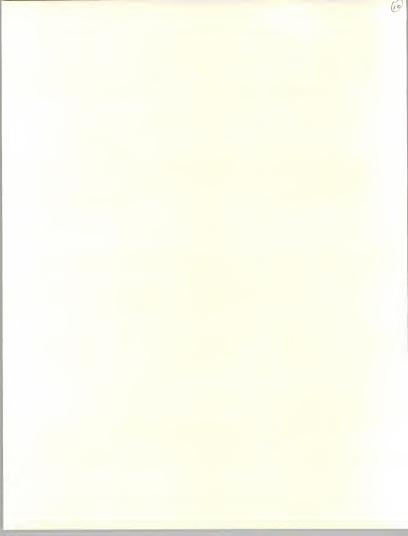
DESCRIPTION OF "MANDATORY."

FEATURE	% USE NOW	RATING NOW	RATING 3 YRS
AVAILABLE # INVENT.	75.4	4.0	4.4
INDIV. CO. ROAMER	68.9	4.1	4.4
O.L. ACCOUNT INQUIRY	68.9	4.7	4.9
O.L. ORDER ENTIRY	67.2	4.6	4.7
TREATMENT PROCESS	63.9	4.1	4.5
O.L. PAYMENT HIST	62.3	4.4	4.6
M/F BASED BILLING	55.7	3.6	3.9
VENDOR SYS. TABLE	42.6	3.5	4.0
DEPOSIT ACTTNG.	41.0	3.5	4.0
3 DAY BILL MAIL	39.3	4.4	4.6
NETWORK REDUNDANCY	39.3	3.8	4.1

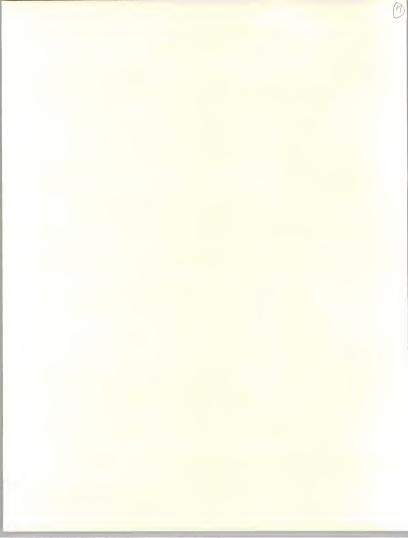


OF THE FEATURES TESTED, CERTAIN ONES APPEAR AS "MANDATORY" FOR A SUCCESSFUL OFFERING SINCE THEY HAVE HIGH CURRENT/FUTURE IMPORTANCE AND ARE IN CURRENT USE BY LARGE PROPORTIONS OF THE RESPONDENTS. EXCLUSION OF ANY SINGLE FEATURE OR GROUP OF FEATURES COULD RESULT IN REJECTION OF A GTEDS OFFERING NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, HENCE THE DESCRIPTION OF "MANDATORY."

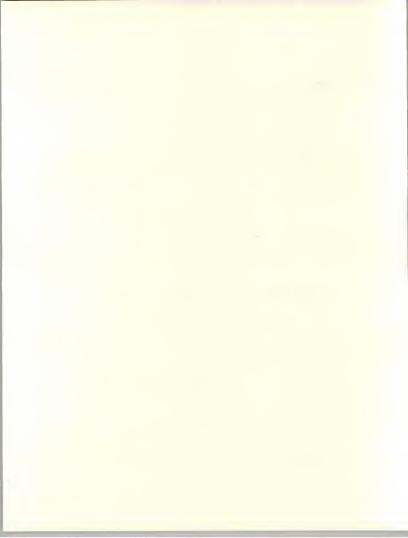
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62.3	4.4	4.6
55.7	3.6	3.9
42.6	3.5	4.0
41.0	3.5	4.0
39.3	4.4	4.6
39.3	3.8	4.1
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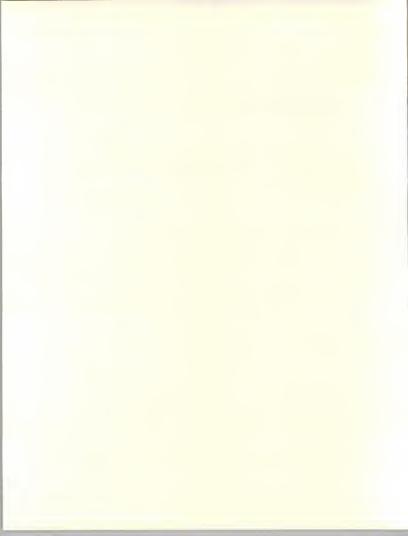
- THESE FEATURES HAVE HIGH CURRENT USE (MOST MAJORITY USE) AND HIGH CURRENT IMPORTANCE.
 ALTHOUGH ALL INCREASE IN IMPORTANCE, THE IN-CREASES ARE NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THE 90% LEVEL.
- THE DATA ARE RANKED BY FREQUENCY OF OCCURENCE
 OF THE FEATURE. TO DIFFERENTIATE THE IMPORTANCE
 OF A FEATURE 0.6 POINTS IS REQUIRED BETWEEN THE
 RATINGS. ACORDINGLY VENDOR SYSTEM TABLES (NOW)
 IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IMPORTANT (STATISTICALLY, AT
 THE 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL) THAN TREATMENT
 PROCESSING (3.5 vs. 4.1) BUT IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY
 DIFFERENT (MORE IMPORTANT) THAN AVAILABLE #
 INVENTORY 4.0).
- WHILE CONSIDERING RELATIVE IMPORTANCE ON THIS
 LIST MAY BE USEFUL FOR SOME PURPOSES, IT SHOULD BE
 RECOLLECTED THAT THE UBIQUITY OF THESE FEATURES
 MAKES THEM MANDATORY FOR MARKET PARTICIPATION
 IN A MEANINGFUL WAY.



- STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANTLY LESS IMPORTANT ARE MANAGEMENT REPORTS, DOCUMENTATION, TRAINING AND - INTERESTINGLY - PRICE.
- SYSTEM RELIABILITY AND ON-LINE RELIABILITY ARE SOME WHAT LESS OF A PROBLEM AS INDICATED BY THE DIFFERENTIAL. NOTE THAT 62% OF R'S GIVE SYSTEM RELIABILITY A RATING OF 4/5. O.L. RELIABILITY, WHILE ACHIEVING THE SAME MEAN RATING (4,7) EXHIBITS LOWER SATISFACTION WITH 46% RATING 4 OR 5.
- RERUNS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOW A
 DIFFERENTIAL SIMILAR TO SYSTEM RELIABILITY BUT
 OBSERVE THAT ONLY 30% RATE RERUN PERFORMANCE A
 4/5. THIS IS APPARANTLY A PROBLEM AREA FOR SOME
 R'S.
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ALTHOUGH AT THE SAME 1.2 DIFFERENTIAL, RATES 4/5 BY ABOUT HALF THE R'S WHILE 93% RATE IT 4/5 ON IMPORTANCE. FOR SOME R'S THIS COULD BE A POWERFUL SELLING POINT.



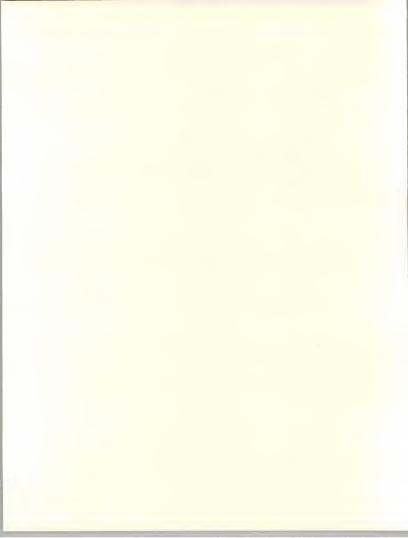
 MORE MODERATE (BUT STILL STATISTICALLY SIGNIFI-CANT DIFFERENTIALS ARE SHOWN BY THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS. UPDATE FLEXIBILITY, EASE OF USE, BILL APPEARANCE AND CUSTOM PROGRAMMING FALL INTO THIS "LESS OF PROBLEM (BUT STILL A PROBLEM)" CATEGORY.



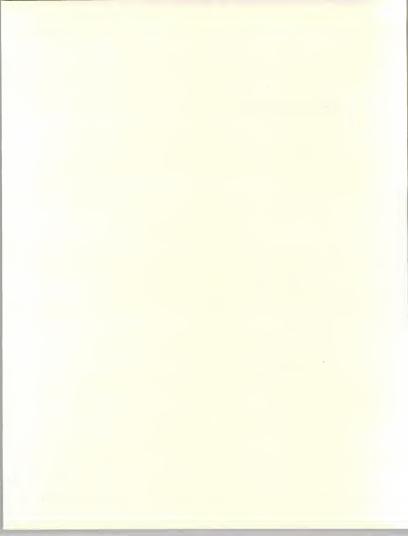
SYSTEM FEATURES, INDIFFERENT

 A FINAL CLASS OF FEATURES ARE THOSE TO WHICH RESPONDENTS WERE INDIFFERENT OR SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE. THESE MAY BE SAFELY IGNORED IN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES (SHOULD THEY OCCUR).

FEATURE	% USE NOW	RATING NOW	RATING 3 YRS
USER MAINT, SYS TABLES	29.5	3.5	3.6
MICRO/M.F. COMBO	26.2	3.2	3.5
LOWER O.L. COSTS	19.7	4.1	4.3
MICRO-BASED BILLING	18.1	2.6	2.9
LOCAL BILL PROCESSING	16.4	2.8	3.2
REMOTE ACTIVATION	6.6	8.1	2.3



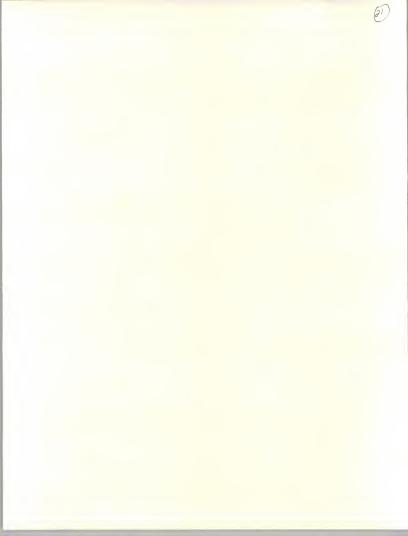
- ITEMS ARE ORDERED BY PROPORTION CURRENTLY CLAIMING USE.
- OBSERVE THAT NO FEATURE INCREASES IN IMPORTANCE
 IN A STATISCALLY SIGNIFICANT WAY.
- DEMAND FOR USER-MAINTAINED SYSTEM TABLES AND COMBINED MICRO-MAINFRAME PROCESSING IS MODERATE AND CONSTANT. THESE TWO FEATURES ARE "MARGINAL" IN THAT THEY FALL ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN "DESIRABILITY" AND "INDIFFERENCE" IN THE MINDS OF RESPONDENTS. IF TECHNICALLY APPROPRIATE, THEY MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA OR SERVICE CONFIGURATION BUT THEY ARE WEAKER THAN THE FIRST TWO CATEGORIES.



SYSTEM FEATURES (cont'd)

- O LOWER ON-LINE COSTS RECEIVED AN "APPLE-PIE"
 RESPONSE, AN "OF-COURSE" BY STUDY PARTICIPANTS.
 INFORMAL COMMENTS BY RESPONDENTS LEADS INPUT TO
 BELIEVE THIS IS NOT A DECISIVE FACTOR DESPITE ITS
 RATINGS. THIS IS APPARENTLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE
 STRONG DESIRE FOR NETWORK REDUNDANCY WHICH IS
 MUCH MORE IMPORTANT.
- MICRO-BASED BILLING DOES NOT APPEAL VERY
 STRONGLY TO RESPONDENTS. APPARENTLY THIS GROUP
 BELIEVES THAT BILLING SYSTEMS MUST BE MAINFRAMEBASED. THIS IS A POSITIVE FOR GTEDS GIVEN ITS
 CURRENT DIRECTION.

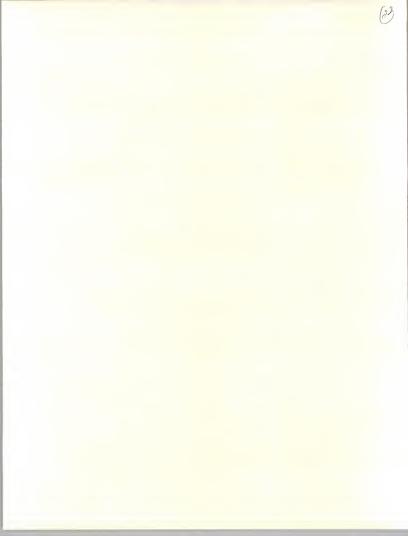
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SYSTEM FEATURES (cont'd)

- O LOCAL BILL PROCESSING WAS NOT DEEMED VERY NECESSARY BY RESPONDENTS. THE "INDIFFERENT" RATING INDICATES THAT GTEDS MAY PROCESS LOCALLY IF DESIRABLE FROM AN OPERATIONAL OR ECONOMIC STANDPOINT BUT THAT SUCH PROCESSING WILL NOT BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RESPONDENTS. THIS SHOULD BE SOLD AS "BACK-UP" MULTI-SITE AS OPPOSED TO LOCAL PROCESSING TO WHICH RESPONDENTS ARE LARGELY INDIFFERENT.
- OBSERVE THAT RESPONDENTS RESPOND NEGATIVELY TO REMOTE SWITCH ACTIVATION. THIS IS <u>NOT</u> A DESIRABLE FEATURE.
- INPUT BELIEVES THAT THESE SIX FEATURES MAY BE SAFELY IGNORED FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF RESPONDENTS.

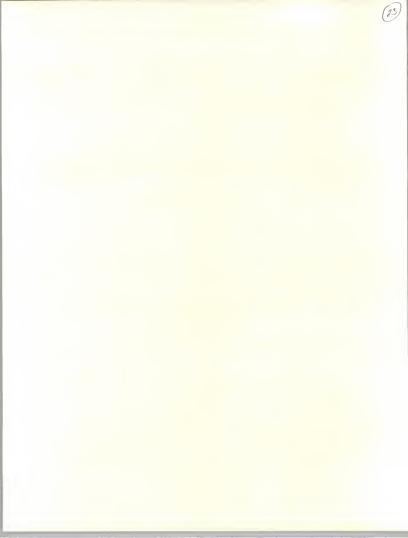
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COMPETITIVE PROCESSING

- RESPONDENTS WERE QUERIED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT
 WAS IMPORTANT IF THEIR PROCESSING WAS
 ACCOMPLISHED BY A WIRELINE COMPANY IF NONWIRELINE AND VICE VERSA, DEPENDING ON THEIR
 STATUS.
- OF THE NON-WIRELINE RESPONDENTS 11% INDICATED
 THAT THEIR PROCESSING WAS CURRENTLY
 ACCOMPLISHED BY A WIRELINE COMPANY. NO WIRELINES SO INDICATED.
- NON-WIRELINES DID NOT CONSIDER THIS AN IMPORTANT
 FACTOR, RATING ITS IMPORTANCE AT 2.2 NOW AND 2.0 IN
 THE FUTURE. THE DIFFERENCE IS NOT STATISTICALLY
 SIGNIFICANT BETWEEN NOW AND 3 YEARS HENCE.

IMPORTANCE RATE	1	2	_3_	4	5	% 4/5
% NOW	54	8	17	4	17	21
% 3 YEARS	56	9	13	13	9	22



COMPETITIVE PROCESSING (cont'd)

- AS THE DATA SHOW, OVER HALF THE R'S CONSIDER
 WIRELINE PROCESSING SOURCE (AS NON-WIRELINES)
 UNIMPORTANT, I.E., RATE IT A "I."
- A MATERIAL MINORITY ABOUT 1 IN 5 CONSIDER THIS
 AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, THIS PROPORTION IS STABLE OVER

 TIME.
- EMPHASIS ON SECURITY, DATA INTEGRITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY MAY AMELIORATE THE FEARS OF THE MINORITY OF R'S WITH THIS CONCERN, BUT THIS IS BY NO MEANS GUARANTEED.
- ON BALANCE THIS DATA MAY BE CONSIDERED A POSITIVE SINCE NEARLY 2/3 OF NON-WIRELINES CONSIDER THIS AN UNIMPORTANT FACTOR, RATING IT EITHER A "I OR 2."
 ON THE OTHER HAND A MATERIAL MINORITY CONSIDER IT VERY IMPORTANT.



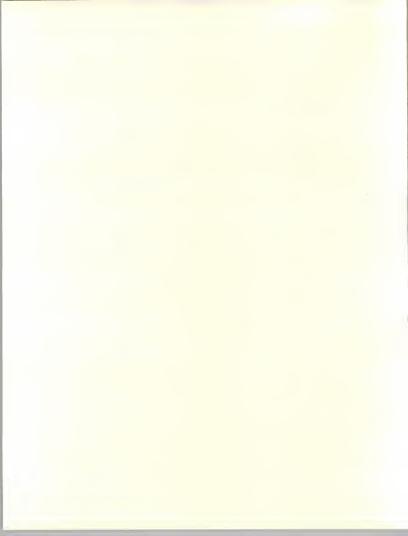
COMPETITIVE PROCESSING (cont'd)

- SHOULD MARKETING ACTIVITY COMMENCE, INPUT
 RECOMMENDS A PRO-ACTIVE APPROACH EMPHASIZING
 SECURITY, ETC., RATHER THAN AN ATTEMPT TO SKIRT
 THE ISSUE. ASSURANCES OF THIS TYPE WILL NOT
 DAMAGE THE GTEDS CASE WITH THOSE INSENTITIVE TO
 THE "COMPETITIVE" ISSUE BUT MAY REDUCE ANXIETY ON
 THE PART OF THOSE 20-22% CONCERNED WITH IT.
- THE WIRELINES RESPONDED IN A SIMILAR FASHION. THIS INDICATES THAT THERE IS NOT A STRONG COMPETITIVE COMPONENT IN THE PROCESSING AREA. GIVEN THAT MARKETS ARE ASSIGNED AND THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO COMPETITIONS PER MARKET (VERY LIMITED DIRECT COMPETITION) THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE.



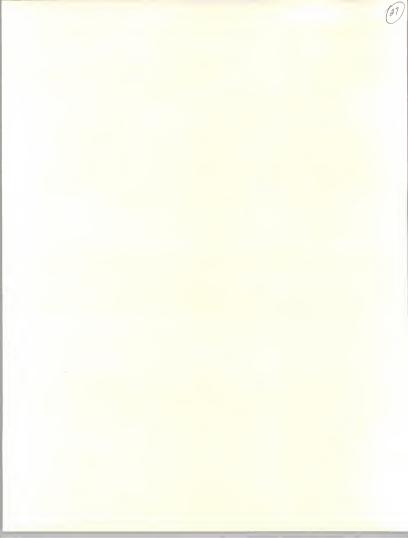
SERVICE QUALITY

- RESPONDENTS WERE QUERIED ON 16 ITEMS RELATED TO SERVICE QUALITY. THESE COVERED A WIDE RANGE AND ARE NOTABLE FOR THE GENERALLY MODERATE RATINGS. ON THE SCALE USER "ONE" REPRESENTED POOR QUALITY WHILE "FIVE" REPRESENTED EXCELLENT QUALITY.
- IN ADDITION TO QUALITY RATINGS, RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED TO RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF THE 16 SERVICE QUALITY ITEMS. THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THESE TWO IS A MEASURE OF SERVICE INADEQUACY, I.E. THE GREATER THE DIFFERENTIAL, THE LESS SATISFA-CTORY THE SERVICE LEVEL RELATIVE TO THE PERCEIVED REQUIREMENT.



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS

SERVICE ITEM	QUALITY RATING	% 4/5	IMPORTANCE RATING	% 4/5	RATING DIFF.
BILL ACCURACY	3.5	46	5.0	100	1.5
O/A QUALITY	3.4	44	4.9	98	1.5
BILL TIMELINESS	3.5	51	4.9	94	1.4
MGMT. REPORTS	3.3	39	4.7	90	1.4
DOCUMENTATION	3.1	31	4.5	80	1.4
TRAINING	3.2	41	4.5	88	1.3
PRICE	3.2	21	4.5	67	1.3
RELIABILITY, M.F.	3.7	62	4.9	98	1.2
TECH. ASSIST.	3.4	51	4.6	93	1.2
RERUNS	3.3	30	4.5	67	1.2
RELIABILITY, O.L.	3.7	46	4.8	77	1.1
UPDATE FLEX.	3.7	54	4.7	83	1.0
USE EASE	3.6	54	4.6	92	1.0
BILL APPEAR.	3.7	57	4.6	92	0.9
CUST. PGM.	3.6	54	4.5	82	0.9
CONTRACT	3.6	34	4.2	49	0.6



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS (cont'd)

- O THESE DATA ARE RANKED BY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

 GUALITY AND IMPORTANCE RATINGS. ALL DIFFERENCES

 ARE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THE 90%

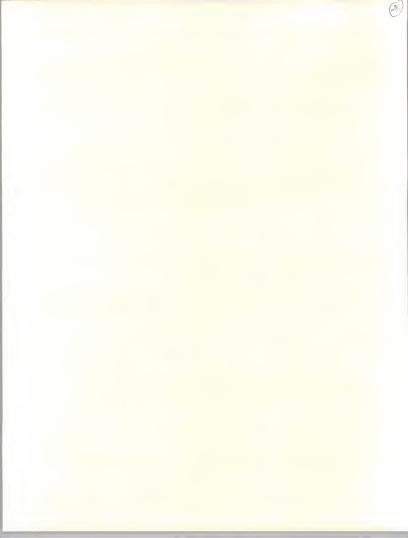
 CONFIDENCE INTERVAL BETWEEN QUALITY AND

 IMPORTANCE. THIS INDICATES A SUBSTANTIAL GAP

 BETWEEN SERVICE LEVELS DELIVERED AND DESIRED, A

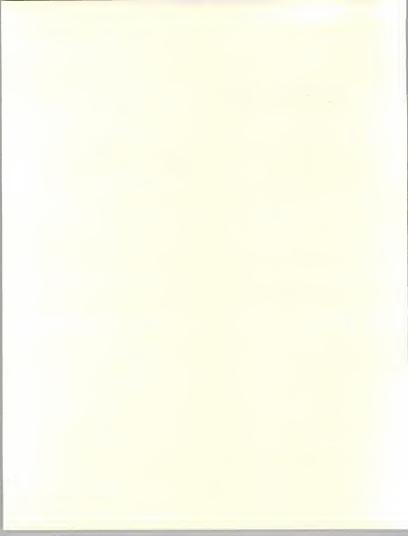
 MOST SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE AND A POOR REFLECTION

 ON VENDORS.
- DATA INDICATES THAT BILL ACCURACY, OVERALL SERVICE QUALITY AND BILL TIMELINESS ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND SHOW THE GREATEST DEFICIENCIES.
- CONTRACTUAL TERMS BRING UP THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. NOTE PARTICULARLY THE SLIM MARGIN IN THE 4/5 RATINGS AT 34% VS. 49%. THIS IS THE AREA OF LEAST DIFFERENTIAL AND DOES NOT RECOMMEND ITSELF AS A KEY DIFFERENTIATOR.



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS (cont'd)

- THE MEAN PROPORTION RATING 4/5 ON SERVICE QUALITY (GOOD/EXCELLENT) IS 44.7%. PRICE, RERUNS, DOCUMENT-ATION AND CONTRACT PROPORTIONS ARE WELL BELOW THIS AVERAGE WHILE M.F. RELIABILITY AND BILL APPEARANCE ARE WELL ABOVE. WITH RESPECT TO THE MEAN, THESE CAN BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE THE LOWEST RELATIVE SATISFACTION INDEPENDENT OF IMPORTANCE.
- BILL ACCURACY, OVERALL QUALITY AND TIMELINESS
 HAVE THE HIGHEST DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN
 PROPORTION OF "HIGH IMPORTANCE" VALUE OF 82.5%.
 LOWEST IS CONTRACT TERMS FOLLOWED BY RERUNS AND
 PRICE



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS (cont'd)

O THIS DATA LEAVES LITTLE DOUBT THAT SERVICE

QUALITY AS DELIVERED CAN BE IMPROVED OVERALL. IF

THE PROBLEMS SEEN ARE NOT RESPONDENT - CAUSED OR

ENDEMIC (PERHAPS BECAUSE OF VOLATILITY AND RAPID

GROWTH), THEN GTEDS APPEARS TO HAVE AN

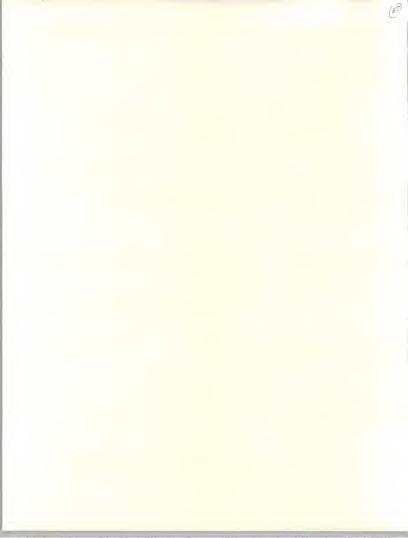
OPPORTUNITY AND A CHALLENGE BEFORE IT: THE

DEVELOPMENT OF A CELLULAR BILL PROCESSING

SERVICE THAT ALIGNS ITS DELIVERY WITH USER NEEDS.

SUCH A SERVICE SHOULD BE SUCESSFUL.

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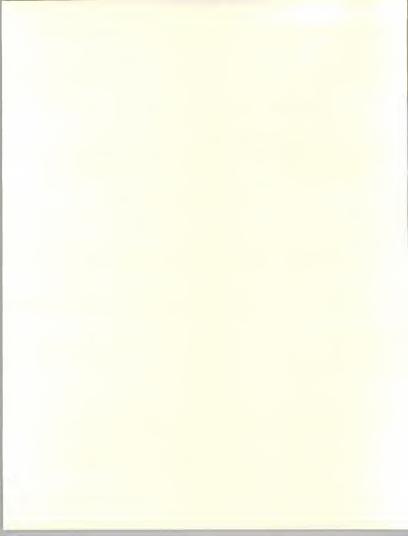


SERVICE PRICING

RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED TO RATE PRICES FOR A
SERVICE WHICH MET THEIR NEEDS PROFILE ON A COST
PER BILL BASIS. COSTS WERE STATED TO INCLUDE ALL
ITEMS EXCEPT POSTAGE. ON THE I-5 SCALE "ONE"
REPRESENTED POOR VALUE WHILE "FIVE" REPRESENTED
EXCELLENT VALUE.

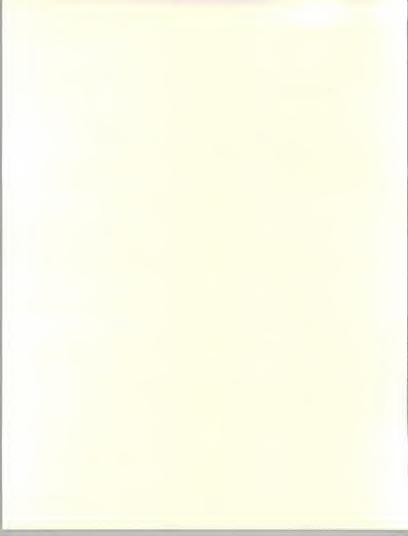
\$ PER BILL	<u>% I</u>	% 2	% 3	<u>% 4</u>	<u>% 5</u>	% 4/5	MEAN
5.00	48	34	14	2	2	4	1.8
3.50	10	29	38	17	6	23	2.8
2.50	2	7	33	37	21	58	3.7
1.75	2	2	5	36	55	91	4.4
1.25	0	2	5	12	81	93	4.7

 OBSERVE THAT R'S ARE OVERWHELMINGLY NEGATIVE AT \$5.00/BILL WITH 82% OF RESPONSES A LOR 2.



SERVICE PRICING

- AT A 30% REDUCTION TO \$3.50 THE DISTRIBUTION TAKES ON A RELATIVELY NORMAL SHAPE WITH SOME NEGATIVE SKEWNESS. WITH <u>CREDIBLY</u> SUPERB SERVICE A BILL PROCESSING BUSINESS MAY BE VIABLE AT \$3.50. 30% OF R'S ARE NEGATIVE WHILE 23% ARE POSITIVE.
- AT ANOTHER 30% REDUCTION (APPROX.) TO \$2.50, THE
 DISTRIBUTION SHOWS VERY SUBSTANTIAL POSITIVE
 SKEWNESS WITH 58% POSITIVE AND ONLY 9% NEGATIVE. A
 STRONG CENTER STILL EXISTS AT 3, PULLING DOWN THE
 MEAN RATING.
- AT \$1.75, THE DISTRIBUTION BECOMES OVERWHELMINGLY
 POSITIVE WITH 91% RATING 4/5 AND ONLY 4% NEGATIVE.
 THE CENTER ALSO EVAPORATES. THE MEAN RISES TO 4.4
- DESCENDING ANOTHER 30% (APPROX.) HAS ONLY A
 MINOR EFFECT ON THE DISTRIBUTION MEAN, PUSHING IT
 TO 4.7. RESPONSES ARE NOW CONCENTRATED HEAVILY
 AT "5."



SERVICE PRICING (cont'd)

- THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEANS ARE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THE 90% LEVEL AT ALL PRICE POINT INTERVALS EXCEPT \$1.75 TO \$1.25. THIS CONFIRMS THAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE MEANINGFUL.
- THIS DATA SUGGESTS THAT A HIGHLY VIABLE PRICE POINT IS IN THE RANGE OF \$2.50/BILL. IT MIGHT BE INFERRED FROM THE RESPONSES THAT THE AVERAGE CURRENTLY PAID IS SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN \$2.50 BUT LESS THAN \$3.50.

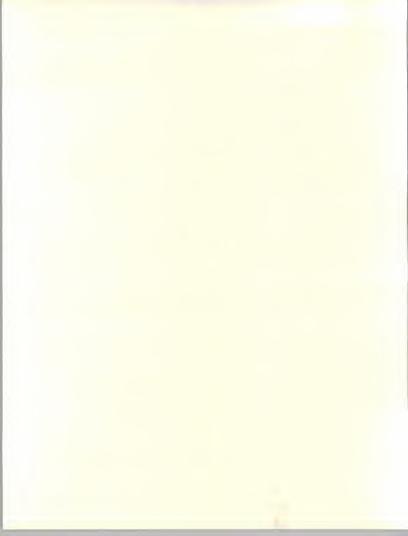


PRICE ELASTICITY

BY MULTIPLYING THE PRICE POINT BY THE PROPORTION
 INDICATING 4/5 (ABOVE AVERAGE VALUE) WE CAN
 DOCUMENT THE PRICE ELASTICITY OF THE SERVICE.

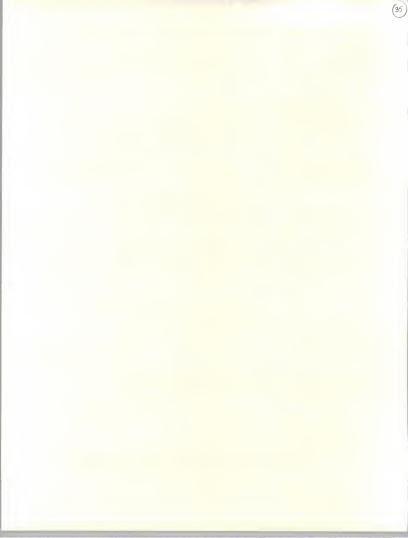
PRICE	% 4/5	PRODUCT	PROD. % CHG.
\$ 5.00	4	20.0	-
\$ 3.50	23	90.5	302.5
\$ 2.50	58	145.0	80.1
\$ 1.75	91	159.2	9.8
\$ 1.25	93	116.25	-27.0

- THE PRODUCT MAY CONSIDERED AS A PROXY FOR
 "TOTAL DOLLARS AVAILABLE" AT A PRICE POINT.
- THE DATA SHOWS THAT AFTER REACHING THE
 "PLAUSIBLE" PRICE OF \$3.50/BILL, SUBSTANTIAL
 INCREASES IN TOTAL MARKET ARE AVAILABLE TO \$2.50/
 BILL. IN THIS \$1.00 RANGE MARKET SHARE (AND TOTAL
 DOLLARS) WOULD BE VERY SENSITIVE TO PRICE. A 28.6%
 DROP IN PRICE FROM \$3.50 TO \$2.50 RESULTS IN AN 80%
 INCREASE IN PRODUCT.



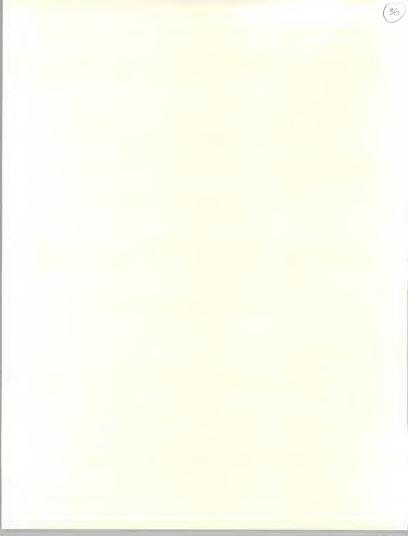
PRICE ELASTICITY (cont'd)

- A FURTHER DROP (30%) TO \$1.75 RESULTS IN ONLY A 9.8%
 INCREASE IN PRODUCT. A VERY AGGRESSIVE MARKET
 SHARE-ORIENTED CAMPAIGN WOULD PRICE BELOW \$2.50
 BUT ABOVE \$1.75.
- AT \$1.25 THERE IS NO FURTHER PRICE ELASTICITY AS PRODUCT DROPS ALMOST EQUALLY TO PRICE.
- O GIVEN THAT THE PRIOR DATA SHOWS PRICE TO BE OF ABOVE AVERAGE IMPORTANCE TO 67% OF R'S (LESS THAN OTHER FACTORS), INPUT WOULD RECOMMEND A PRICE IN THE VICINITY OF \$2.50/BILL TO OPTIMIZE TOTAL REVENUES AVAILABLE IF PROCESSING ECONOMICS PERMIT.
- REDUCTIONS BELOW \$2.50 RESULT IN ONLY MODEST PRODUCT (TOTAL REVENUE) GAINS WHILE PRICES ABOVE \$2.50 ARE MUCH MORE SENSITIVE. A PRICE OF \$2.75 (+10%) WOULD RESULT IN A 14% REDUCTION IN PRODUCT FOR EXAMPLE.



PRICE ELASTICITY (cont'd)

- AN AGGRESSIVE, "SHARE-SIEZING" STRATEGY WOULD SET THE PRICE BELOW \$2.50 BY A MODEST AMOUNT (5-10%).
 THIS COULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE RAISED AFTER SHARE WAS OBTAINED.
- WHILE MOBILNET ECONOMICS AND VOLUMES MIGHT ALTER THE PRACTICAL SCENARIO, WE WOULD EXPECT GOOD TO EXCELLENT MARKET RESPONSE IN THE RANGE OF \$2.75 TO \$2.40 PER BILL ON THE BASIS OF THIS DATA UNDER A TOTAL REVENUE PRIMARY CRITERION. WE WOULD FURTHER EXPECT THAT THE SERVICE WOULD BECOME LESS VIABLE BEYOND \$3.00 PER BILL.
- A FURTHER CONSIDERATION IS THE CONVERSION OR "DISRUPTION" PREMIUM. UNTIL GTEDS ESTABLISHES A TRACK RECORD FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE, CLIENTS WILL PERCEIVE THAT THEY ARE TAKING A RISK. IN RETURN FOR ACCEPTING THIS RISK THEY WOULD EXPECT AN ECONOMIC GAIN. THIS ARGUES FOR LOWER PRICES IF POSSIBLE.



ROAMER PRICING

- WHILE THIS STUDY DID NOT FOCUS HEAVILY ON THE ROAMER ISSUE WHICH IS EXTREMELY COMPLEX AND MAY WARRANT ITS OWN STUDY SHOULD GTEDS ELECT ENTRY INTO THE CELLULAR BILLING MARKET, DATA WAS GATHERED ON "FAIR" AND "EXCELLENT" ROAMER PRICING.
- R'S WERE ASKED TO SPECIFY A PRICE POINT REPRESENTING A "FAIR" ROAMER PRICE PER BILL WHEN BILLED THROUGH A CLEARING HOUSE. NEXT, THEY WERE ASKED TO SPECIFY A ROAMER PRICE REPRESENTING EXCELLENT VALUE.
- 6 46% OF R'S WERE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION. AT SLIGHTLY LESS THAN HALF OF ALL RESPONDENTS, DATA ON THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE USED WITH CAUTION AS THE MAJORITY WERE UNABLE TO PROJECT A PRICE POINT.
- NEGLECTING ONE HIGH OUTLIER, R'S INDICATED A MEAN
 FAIR PRICE PER ROAMER "BILL" CLEARED AT \$0.19 PER
 BILL FOR A FAIR PRICE AND \$0.14 FOR AN EXCELLENT
 PRICE.

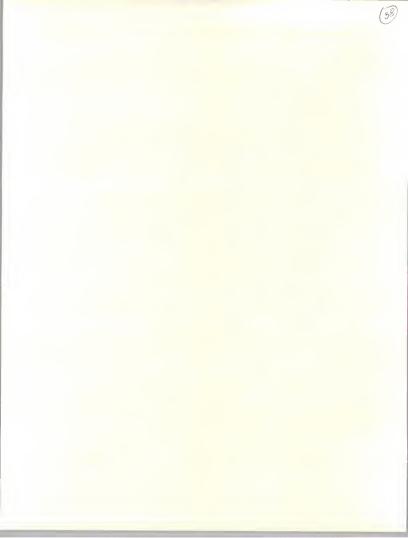
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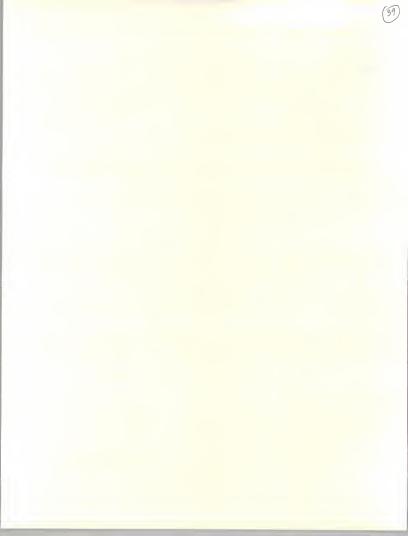
ROAMER PRICING (cont'd)

- RESPONSES RANGED FROM AS LOW A \$0.02 FOR "FAIR"
 TO AS HIGH AS \$1.50 IN ONE CASE. RANGE WAS FROM
 \$0.02 (AGAIN) AS "EXCELLENT" TO A HIGH OF \$0.50.
- O GIVEN THE WIDE VARIATION IN RESPONSES, WE CONSIDER THIS LIMITED DATA AS USABLE ONLY WITH GREAT CAUTION.
 WE SUSPECT THAT R'S MAY HAVE RESPONDED PER <u>CALL</u>
 IN SOME CASES RATHER THAN THE REQUESTED PER
 BILL.
- ASSUMING THE DATA "REALLY" MEANS PER CALL, WE WOULD CONCLUDE THAT 20¢ WOULD BE CONSIDER
 AS AN AVERAGE "FAIR" PRICE ACCEPTABLE TO MOST RESPONDENTS.



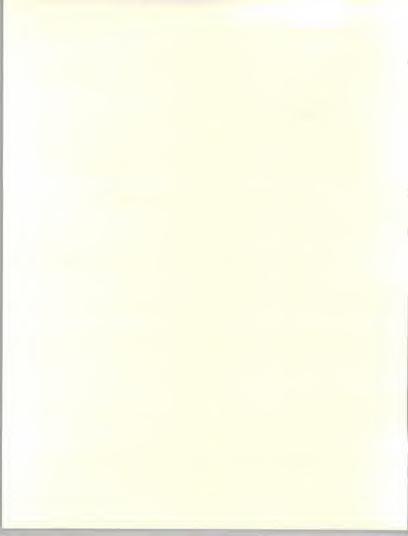
CONCLUSION

- ON BALANCE, THIS MARKET APPEARS TO HAVE MERIT. IT
 IS:
 - EXPECTED TO GROW RAPIDLY.
 - CURRENT SERVICE IS INDIFFERENT TO POOR.
 - MANY USER WOULD CONSIDER CHANGING VENDORS.
 - CURRENT SYSTEMS LACK FEATURES WHICH ARE IMPORTANT TO USERS.
 - DIFFENTIATION IS POSSIBLE.
 - PRICING REQUIREMENTS APPEAR REASONABLE.
 - SERVICE QUALITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN PRICE.
 - MANDATORY FEATURES ARE PLAUSIBLE.
 - MAINFRAME PROCESSING IS DESIRABLE.
- THE PRIMARY OFFSET IS THE RELATIVELY SMALL
 MARKET SIZE, I.E. \$33 MILLION IN 1989 AT \$2.50/BILL.



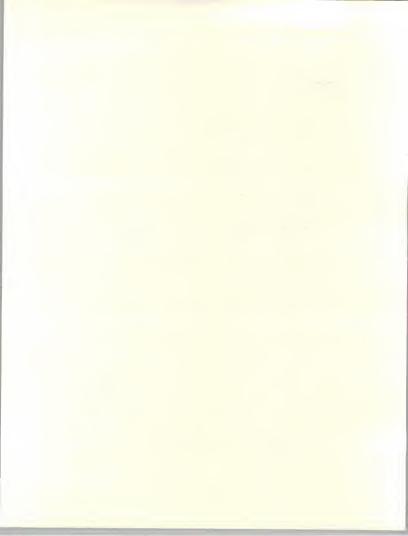
CONCLUSION (cont'd)

- THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL PROBABILITY THAT AT LEAST
 ONE COMPETITOR (BANK ILL.) WILL NOT BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE FUTURE. INPUT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED
 BY OTHER MARKET CHANGES AS WELL. AMONG THE
 POSSIBILITIES ARE AN "EVACUATION" BY AUXTON
 (THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF SOFTWARE SALES FOR
 INHOUSE PROCESSING) AND A FAILURE OF CINCINNATI
 BELL/CBSI TO EFFECTIVELY INTEGRATE THEIR SEPARATE
 SYSTEMS. IN THE MAIN, THE COMPETITORS ARE
 FINANCIALLY WEAK OR ORGANIZATIONALLY FLAWED OR
 BOTH.
- ACCORDINGLY, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A STABLE, PROPERLY MANAGED SERVICE TO FARE WELL IN THIS MARKET.



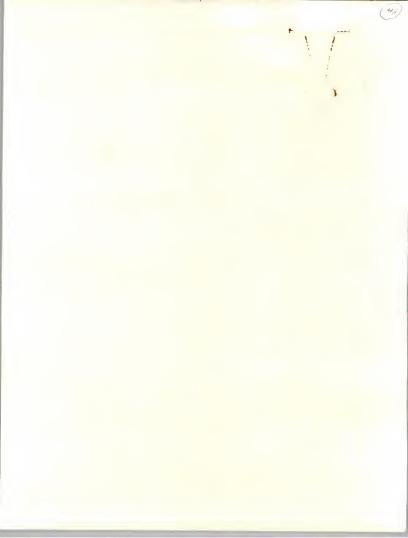
CONCLUSION (cont'd)

- O IF THE MARKET CONTINUES TO GROW WELL BEYOND THE FORECAST HORIZON AND IF A MAJOR SHARE CAN BE COMMANDED, THEN SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT COULD BE WARRANTED. THE VOLATILITY OF THIS MARKET MAKES EXTRAPOLATION TO THE FIVE YEAR HORIZON VERY RISKY. IF RATES EXPECTED IN THE 3 YEAR INTERVAL ARE EXTRAPOLATED TO 5 YEARS A \$75 MILLION MARKET EMERGES WITH ABOUT 2.5 MILLION PHONES AT \$2.50 BILL/MONTH. THIS IS A SUBSTANTIAL "SPECIALTY" MARKET BUT MATERIAL REVENUES WOULD REQUIRE A COMMANDING SHARE.
- O A MORE CONSERVATIVE APPROACH IS RECOMMENDED FOR THOSE NOT WISHING TO "BET" ON THE FUTURE GROWTH CONTINUING AT VERY HIGH RATES. PARTICIPATION WOULD BE BASED ON MODERATE INCREMENTAL INVESTMENT (FIRST IN MEETING FEATURES NEEDS, THEN IN MARKETING WORK) BEYOND THAT NEEDED FOR MOBILNET. BASED ON THE AVAILABLE DATA, THERE IS ONLY LIMITED RISK IN THIS APPROACH PROVIDED IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY RIGOROUS FINANCIAL ANALYSIS AND A THOROUGHLY DEVELOPED STEP-BY-STEP PLAN.



INTRODUCTION (cont'd)

o IN SUM, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY HERE WITH "GOOD FIT" TO GTEDS INTERNAL PLANS AND NEEDS. THE SCALE OF INVESTMENT IS MODERATELY PROBLEMATIC BUT CAN BE "SOLVED" THROUGH APPROPRIATE ANALYSIS AND CALIBRATION OF RISK. OVERALL, INPUT'S VIEW OF THIS MARKET IS POSITIVE.



THANK YOU

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December 5, 1986

Ms. Marlyn Murdock SW Bell Mobile 17330 Preston Road Dallas, Texas 75252

Dear Ms. Murdock:

You recently participated in a study on "Cellular Billing Services."

As a way of extending our thanks for your participation, we have enclosed an executive summary of that study for your reference.

Again, thank you for taking time to help us with our research. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Betty Ann Van Benschoten Senior Analyst

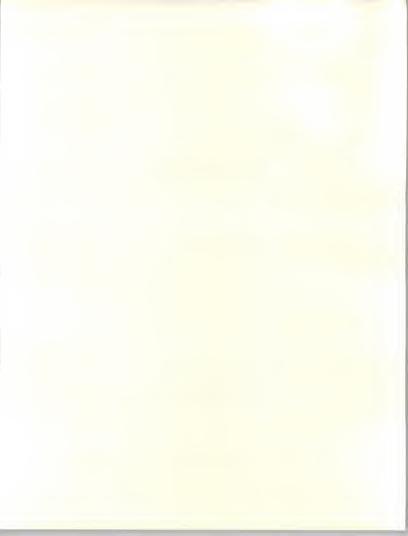
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CELLULAR BILLING SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

- RECENTLY, A STUDY OF CELLULAR BILLING SERVICES
 WAS COMMISSIONED WITH INPUT BY A MAJOR
 CORPORATION
- A TELEPHONE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE WAS DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED TO 61 WIRELINE AND NON-WIRELINE OPERATORS OF CELLULAR SERVICES IN THE TOP 90 MARKETS.
- DATA WAS GATHERED ON A WIDE RANGE OF REVELANT ITEMS INCLUDING:
 - CURRENT PROCESSING SOURCE
 - SERVICE FEATURES USED.
 - SERVICE FEATURES DESIRED
 - EXPECTED GROWTH
 - SATISFACTION WITH SERVICE
 - PRICING



INTRODUCTION (cont'd)

- OF THE 61 COMPANIES INTERVIEWED 27.9% (17) WERE WIRELINES WHILE 72.1% WERE NON-WIRELINES.
- WITH WIRELINES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT BILLING
 IS HIGHLY CENTRALIZED AND CONSOLIDATED. THESE
 ARE "SINGLE LOCATION" BILLERS. OFTEN THEY HAVE
 LONG-STANDING BILLING RELATIONSHIPS.



SYSTEM FEATURES

- EXTENSIVE DATA WAS GATHERED BY INPUT ON SYSTEM
 FEATURES AND THEIR USE. ALSO GATHERED WAS DATA
 ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE FEATURES AT THE
 PRESENT TIME AND THREE YEARS IN THE FUTURE.
- o A TOTAL OF 30 SYSTEM FEATURES WAS TESTED.
- RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THEIR
 CURRENT SYSTEM PROVIDED THE CAPABILITY. THEY
 WERE THEN QUERIED AS TO HOW IMPORTANT THE
 FEATURE WAS (OR WOULD BE) IN THEIR OPERATIONS.
- IMPORTANCE BOTH CURRENT AND FUTURE WAS RATED ON A ONE TO FIVE (1-5) SCALE WITH "I" DESIGNATED AS UNIMPORTANT" AND "5" DESIGNATED AS "VERY IMPORTANT."



SYSTEM FEATURES (cont'd)

- FEATURE RATINGS VARIED BETWEEN 1.8 TO 4.9. THE RANGE OF VARIATION INDICATES THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FEATURES IS MEANINGFUL TO RESPONDENTS.
- SUBSTANTIAL VARIATION WAS ALSO OBSERVED IN THE PROPORTION EMPLOYING THE FEATURES. PROPORTION WITH A SPECIFIC FEATURE RANGED FROM 6.6% TO 75.4%.
- OF THOSE FEATURES TESTED, 40% INCREASED IN IMPORTANCE NOW VERSUS 3 YEARS IN THE FUTURE IN A STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT WAY I.E., 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVAL. THEY ARE PRESENTED IN THE TABLE.

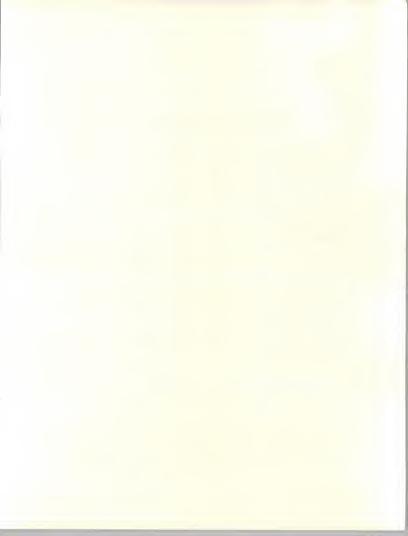


SYSTEM FEATURES (cont'd)

SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FEATURES

FEATURE	% USE NOW	RATING NOW	RATING 3 YRS	DELTA
AUTO INTERFACE	24.6	4.1	4.7	.6
CENTRAL SWITCH MGMT.	55.7	4.0	4.6	.6
SINGLE CLEAR ROAMERS	13.1	4.0	4.6	.6
ELEC, DATA XFER.	11.5	3.3	4.4	1.1
ROAMER RCVABL.	9.8	3.8	4.3	.5
LOCK BOX	47.5	3.5	4.2	.7
MULTI-SITE BACKUP	27.9	3.6	4.2	.6
MULTIPLE BILL CYCLES	29.5	2.6	3.7	1.1
BILL ON DEMAND	8.2	2.7	3.7	1.0
BALANCE CYCLE LOADS	23.0	2.8	3.6	.8
LASER PRINTING	16.4	2.8	3.5	.7
REMOTE ACCT. INIT.	13.1	2.3	2.1	.8

• RANKING IS BY HIGH FUTURE IMPORTANCE.



SERVICE QUALITY

- RESPONDENTS WERE QUERIED ON 16 ITEMS RELATED TO SERVICE QUALITY. THESE COVERED A WIDE RANGE AND ARE NOTABLE FOR THE GENERALLY MODERATE RATINGS. ON THE SCALE USER "ONE" REPRESENTED POOR QUALITY WHILE "FIVE" REPRESENTED EXCELLENT QUALITY.
- IN ADDITION TO QUALITY RATINGS, RESPONDENTS WERE ASKED TO RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF EACH OF THE 16 SERVICE QUALITY ITEMS. THE DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THESE TWO IS A MEASURE OF SERVICE INADEQUACY, I.E. THE GREATER THE DIFFERENTIAL, THE LESS SATISFA-CTORY THE SERVICE LEVEL RELATIVE TO THE PERCEIVED REQUIREMENT.



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS

SERVICE ITEM	QUALITY RATING	% 4/5	IMPORTANCE RATING	% 4/5	RATING DIFF.
BILL ACCURACY	3.5	46	5.0	100	1.5
O/A QUALITY	3.4	44	4.9	98	1.5
BILL TIMELINESS	3.5	51	4.9	94	1.4
MGMT. REPORTS	3.3	39	4.7	90	1.4
DOCUMENTATION	3.1	31	4.5	80	1.4
TRAINING	3.2	41	4.5	88	1.3
PRICE	3.2	21	4.5	67	1.3
RELIABILITY, M.F.	3.7	62	4.9	98	1.2
TECH. ASSIST.	3.4	51	4.6	93	1.2
RERUNS	3.3	30	4.5	67	1.2
RELIABILITY, O.L.	3.7	46	4.8	77	1.1
UPDATE FLEX.	3.7	54	4.7	83	1.0
USE EASE	3.6	54	4.6	92	1.0
BILL APPEAR.	3.7	57	4.6	92	0.9
CUST. PGM.	3.6	54	4.5	82	0.9
CONTRACT	3.6	34	4.2	49	0.6



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS (cont'd)

- THESE DATA ARE RANKED BY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
 QUALITY AND IMPORTANCE RATINGS. ALL DIFFERENCES
 ARE STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THE 90%
 CONFIDENCE INTERVAL BETWEEN QUALITY AND
 IMPORTANCE. THIS INDICATES A SUBSTANTIAL GAP
 BETWEEN SERVICE LEVELS DELIVERED AND DESIRED, A
 MOST SERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE AND A POOR REFLECTION
 ON VENDORS.
- DATA INDICATES THAT BILL ACCURACY, OVERALL SERVICE QUALITY AND BILL TIMELINESS ARE HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND SHOW THE GREATEST DEFICIENCIES.
- CONTRACTUAL TERMS BRING UP THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. NOTE PARTICULARLY THE SLIM MARGIN IN THE 4/5 RATINGS AT 34% VS. 49%. THIS IS THE AREA OF LEAST DIFFERENTIAL AND DOES NOT RECOMMEND ITSELF AS A KEY DIFFERENTIATOR.



SERVICE QUALITY RANKINGS (cont'd)

- THE MEAN PROPORTION RATING 4/5 ON SERVICE QUALITY

 (GOOD/EXCELLENT) IS 44.7%. PRICE, RERUNS,

 DOCUMENT ATION AND CONTRACT PROPORTIONS ARE

 WELL BELOW THIS AVERAGE WHILE M.F. RELIABILITY AND

 BILL APPEARANCE ARE WELL ABOVE. WITH RESPECT TO

 THE MEAN, THESE CAN BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE THE

 LOWEST RELATIVE SATISFACTION INDEPENDENT OF

 IMPORTANCE.
- BILL ACCURACY, OVERALL QUALITY AND TIMELINESS
 HAVE THE HIGHEST DEVIATION FROM THE MEAN
 PROPORTION OF "HIGH IMPORTANCE" VALUE OF 82.5%.
 LOWEST IS CONTRACT TERMS FOLLOWED BY RERUNS AND
 PRICE.





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May 5, 1986

Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager-New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mrs. Price:

This will confirm our arrangement whereby we will expand the "Flamingo" study to include an additional forty (40) respondents. These will be equally divided between TI and GTE respondents on the "user" questionnaire. These two groups will be analyzed separately from the main run of eighty (80) users. If the results are similar they will be merged with the main group. If different, they will be presented separately with appropriate emphasis on both the differences found and the similarities. All work will be along the same lines as that in our proposal dated March 25, 1986.

The fee for this additional work will be \$16,000.00 as we agreed and will be billed at the conclusion of the engagement. Thank you for thinking of INPUT.

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D. W. Fostle Vice President

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March 25, 1986

Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager-New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, Florida 33601

Dear Mrs. Price:

Based on last week's meeting with you, Paul Heller and your venture associates we at INPUT have prepared this proposal to assist in the assessment of the opportunity. Since those meetings we have also received and reviewed the study materials provided by your associates and have formulated a plan which we believe will:

- Provide confirmation/disconfirmation of the need for a joint relationship.
- Calibrate the market need for products and services which you might offer jointly and that GTEDS might offer individually.
- Form a baseline market calibration which can be expanded, segmented and refined if the opportunity should prove favorable.

Of the for major tasks identified in the meeting of March 19, 1986 in Tampa this proposal relates principally to item II, Market Analysis but by necessity also relates to itme I, Product and Services Definition. The essence of the task may be described as a test with "users" of the attractiveness and utility of the proposed products and services.

INPUT'S UNDERSTANDING

We understand the GTEDS believes there is significant commercial potential in a combination of:

- 1. A new input device for graphics and text
- Software for the conversion of incompatible data systems to compatible formats.
- 3. Mainframe storage of converted and unconverted data.
- 4. Communications between devices requiring the above capabilities.

We further understand that there are material questions as to the mode in which such services/products may be delivered. These would include the possibility of a pure service offering in which the capabilities would be resident of GTE systems and sold to other parties on a usage basis. Another possibility would be that the capability would be sold as a "package" for installation on the buyer's system or systems. A third possibility would be some combination of sale and service, perhaps related to usage and the geographic distribution of that usage.



INPUT notes that the combination of hardware, software and communication envisioned by GTEDS provides a number of unique advantages in combination that are not available from the individual elements. Among these are:

- A modified "E-mail" service in wich it is possible to store, manipulate and transmit both text and graphics.
- A movement from "screen-oriented" to "paper-oriented" instantaneous document transmission.
- An implied manipulability of graphics as flexible as current text manipulation.
- 4. Digitzed voice commentary.
- A removal of previous device compatibility barriers, at least with respect to transmission of text.
- An offering consonant with IBM system architecture and communications defacto standards.

While by no means exhaustive, the above list does set forth certain capabilities which may prove advantageous. In essence the proposed offering combines elements of facsimile, in-house publishing, electronic mail, personal computing and mainframe computing. It is further known to be in line with a certain general trends which include:

- 1. A desire for interconnection between large and small systems.
- 2. Increasing use of electronic document transmission.
- 3. Growing interest in graphics system and capabilities.
- 4. Greater need to allow communications between previously incompatible systems.

In the context of this understanding INPUT sets forth its proposal for calibrating the opportunity.

STUDY METHOD

It is axiomatic in testing the concepts involved in a product on service offering that the views of actual or potential users and decision makers must be taken into full account. In this instance it is believed that the most likely market in which there is a need for the proposed service is in large corporations. This is deemed likely for the following reasons:

- Extremely high concentration of IBM mainframe equipment, a necessary pre-condition for the offering.
- 2. Extremely high incidence of personal computers, another pre-condition.
- Geographic dispersion of facilities, a desirable characteristic.
- Diverse types of "ad hoc" DP equipment installations, a necessary pre-condition for the software component.



 The vast majority of information services and DP expenditures occur among these firms. This implies that on a "per contact" basis revenue potential is maximized.

While a preliminary definition of the desirable universe of firms is derivable with ease, a more difficult task is the determination of interviewe. A complex system of the type envisioned could be installed at a central site and "imposed" upon users. Alternatively, users could "demand" certain capabilities of the system if known to them. In reality, successful adoptions of complex technology require the intersection of user needs and central responses. Accordingly, we propose to interview both central management and dispersed users for this study. In the interests of minimum execution time and reasonable expense we propose that such interviews be conducted by telephone and in a standard format to be agreed upon by GTEDS and INPUT.

Contents of the interview should focus on the need, importance of that need and likely timing of implementation of each component of the proposed offering. This is most efficiently accomplished by scalar rating techniques. For example, "How important (on a scale of 1 to 5) is it that you be able to store graphics and text documents on your personal computer?" or How important is it that you be able to store graphics and text documents on a central system?" A thoroughly developed protocol will allow the development of a needs inventory against which the proposed product/service may be matched.

When the needs inventory is combined with site related data such as equipment installed and services used and with respondent data such as job function, a relatively clear picture of the viability of the product/service will emerge, one sufficient to allow determination of both the "goodness" of the project and its likely scale and sope.

For the preliminary market analysis phase, INPUT recommends that a total of 120 interviews be conducted. These will be allocated as 80 user interviews, i.e. PC users in large company departments and 40 central management interviews, these latter comprised of MIS or O/A management. The appropriateness of the interviews will be guarded by a carefully developed screening protocol and GTEDS will have access to the titles of respondents on an individual basis.

Through the use of appropriate analytical techniques, GTEDS will understand at the conclusion of the engagement the:

- Product/Service characteristics most in demand.
- 2. Functions/tasks most in need of those capabilities.
- 3. Likely rate of growth for demand.
- 4. Most suitable delivery mode for service.
- Commercial viability and scale (which imply and appropriate level of investment, if any).

INPUT wishes to emphasize the imperative need to develop a full inventory of service features and capabilities. While this is currently well understood for the "input device" it is much less well understood by us in the software



and communications aspects of the service. Effective execution of this study has as a given a full service inventory. In our view, this topic needs immediate attention.

ROLE OF EXISTING RESEARCH

Research provided by the potential venture partner shows positive signs of demand for the input device. While this is certainly encouraging, this work was necessarily silent on the device in the context of GTEDS more complete service offering. Accordingly, there will be some need to re-test the input device as a part of a larger system and determine its relationship to that system. Accordingly, we believe that the existing research, while encouraging, does not reflect directly on GTEDS business case or the potential of the expanded offering.

WORKING RELATIONSHIP & DELIVERABLES

During the course of this engagement INPUT will:

- 1. Assist GTEDS in the development of the service inventory.
- 2. Assist (as requested) in developing cost data.
- Generate two related questionnaires for MIS management and users for GTEDS approval.
- Administer said questionnaires by telephone interview to 40 MIS/OA managers in large firms by random selection and to 80 PC users.
- Analyze the data gathered to the above points with an emphasis on comparisons between the two groups.
- Present the results of the analysis to GTEDS management with recommendations for action and rationale for those recommendations.
- Work closely with members of the project team during the engagement and keep GTEDS fully apprised of study direction and interim findings.

SCHEDULE & FEES

INPUT believes that the survey portion of this engagement to include questionnaire development, sample selection, interviews and analysis can be accomplished within six weeks from the availability of the service inventory mentioned above. During the engagement GTEDS will be apprised of interim findings to assist in decision making processes and the relationship with the potential partner.

The fee for the engagement will be \$38,750 payable in two installments of \$19,375, the first at the onset of the engagement and the second at completion. Expenses for travel, expedited delivery services, extra copies and kindred items (if any) are billed at the completion of the engagement and at cost. Expenses in excess of 5% of the project fee will not be incurred without the permission of the GTEDS project supervisor. Fees shall be due and payable within 30 days of invoice date.



CONCLUSION

We look forward to working with GTEDS on this demanding market analysis assignment and related tasks. For your convenience an authorization block as been provided. Simply sign appropriately and return this document to the letterhead address. Should there be any questions, please contact the undersigned.

D. W. Fostle Vice President

Accepted by INPUT:
Name:
Title:
Date:
Signature:





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February 24, 1986

Mrs. Patricia H. Price Manager - New Business Ventures GTE Data Services First Florida Tower P.O. Box 1548 Tampa, FL 33601

Dear Mrs. Price: `

Based on recent meetings with you and others within GTEDS line and senior management, INPUT is pleased to present this proposal for assistance in acquisition and joint venture activities.

While the concepts are similar to the earlier proposal, we are now able to recommend certain specific activities based not only on the meetings but also taking into account the excellent "basic plan" which you had prepared.

From a logistic standpoint we see the required activities as divisible into tasks, each with separate but interlocking objectives. The tasks have considerable concurrence but do not overlap completely. As a result the overall project duration is as short as possible while remaining orderly in nature. Given the internal pressures to acquire or strike up other productive relationships, we feel that a concurrent approach is greatly preferable to a serial one, particularly since pressures are likely to increase with time. Without further preliminaries, here are the tasks as we see them.

TASK ONE

<u>Primary Objective</u>: Permit GTEDS to realistically evaluate the performance of potential partners and/or acquirees by actual "industry standard" measures in the dynamic context of current and past industry performance.

<u>Recommended Method</u>: INPUT will provide GTEDS with company financial information, operating data and ratios as well as market valuations by four industry groups. These groups are:

- 1. Processing Services Companies
- 2. Software Companies
- 3. Turnkey Companies
- Professional Service Companies

This data shall be provided as two year quarterly financial performance on a range of measures including revenue, revenue change, profit, profit changes, margins, revenue per employee, return on equity, receivable age and other conventional measures. The data shall cover 100-125 firms appropriately distributed within the four industries. It is important to understand that this data is tracked by INPUT and is not available from standard databases.

Fo approximately 300 firms in the same four groups INPUT will present an analysis of expense proportions (including marketing, sales, R&D, G&A, etc.) by group and



size to show typical expenditure patterns and expenditure proportions of least and most profitable firms. Highly detailed data is available.

INPUT will analyze the data for mean performance for each group as well as the top and bottom deciles. With respect to over and underperformance, efforts will be directed to isolating the cause of the non-standard performances and determining what prace-tied lessons can be learned for use in new venture, internal planning and competitive analysis areas.

Interaction with GTEDS acquisition and planning teams is strongly recommended during this task to meet two goals:

- Improve GTEDS' of the dynamics of firms and groups for use in internal planning activity and competitive analysis.
- Facilitate the development of rational criteria and expectations for acquisitions, joint ventures and the evaluation of candidates, prospects and suspects.

To accomplish these objectives we recommend two - three days of working sessions surrounding the presentation of the company and industry financial analyses. The estimated duration of this task is six to eight weeks calendar time.

TASK TWO

<u>Primary Objective: Bring to the attention of the GTEDS acquisition/joint venture team firms which have merit in light of financial and other criteria as expressed by GTEDS management. These include:</u>

- 1. Relationship to existing TIBS unit.
- 2. Appropriate financial performance.
- Complementary to existing product set.
- 4. Supplementary to existing sales channels.
- 5. Targeted towards large Telcos.

While these are the primary criteria, INPUT will not lose sight of other possible relationships or "plays" outside these criteria. The screening activity will cover not only discrete firms but also divisions and subsidiaries of larger firms hose main activity will not necessarily be in an area related to telephony. While INPUT understands that the general requirement is to assemble a "portfolio" of small to medium-sized firms, other possibilities will not be excluded pro forma.

INPUT will begin the screening process witha pass through its database and a review of its files to determine the universe of prospective firms. Based on our knowledge of the data, there will not be fewer than 450 firms and divisions included in the first pass. Based on conformance to stated criteria (and others which may be developed) INPUT will reduce the preliminary list to a second list of approximately 50 firms. In the event that more than 50 firms appear, a secondary list will also be created for the review of GTEDS.

For those 50 firms a brief profile will be created which will enumerate basic company information such as primary products, market and geographic areas served, sales method, growth, reputation, primary expertise and similar information sufficient to GTEDS and IMPUT to jointly determine the "goodness of fit" of the unit



and its potential as a venture partner or acquiree. Particular attention will be payed in this phase to the "portfolio" of companies it might be possible to assemble in support of the TIBS business unit. This may be properly considered to be an exercise in a "trial assembly" of an enhanced market position for TIBS.

From the larger list GTEDS and INPUT will develop a "Top Ten" which will be subject to a more rigorous and thorough investigation using all available INPUT resources including contact with the company.

Based on the data developed on the Top Ten, decisions will be made by GTEDS on priority approach, best method of approach, nature of proposed relationship and related factors, all with an eye toward achieving a level and type of contact appropriate to GTEDS goals as quickly as possible.

Once again we wish to recommend that this be an "interactive" task in which GTEDS team members work closely with INPUT in the review of the brief profiles and the development of detailed profiles. Estimated calendar duration for this task is eight to nine weeks, overlapping substantially with Task One.

It is also important to note that this activity is \underline{not} in conflict with existing or proposed GTEDS company contact activities. These may proceed independently but should - at some point - be subject to a similar screening and evaluation regimen.

TASK THREE

<u>Primary Objective</u>: Assist GTEDS in determining the viability of an offering in the Cellular Billing area via standard techniques of market assessment.

<u>Comment</u>: Task Three is somewhat less developed in its specifics due to the recent emergence of this area (from INPUT's perspective) and the lack of specific discussions at meetings which have been held. Prior work in cellular allows us to outline a suggested approach to the evaluation of this opportunity.

<u>Possible Recommended Method</u>: Based on our limited knowledge of GTEDS activities, the key question would appear to be: "Can GTEDS - building on its possible internal base of Mobilenet bill processing - create a viable cellular billing services offering?" A confident answer to this question requires certain data including:

- Current & future market size.
- Market Segmentation by such criteria as:
 - a. Wireline/Non-wireline/reseller
 - b. Cellular market size (Top 30, Second 30, etc.)
 - c. Bill processing mode, current and future
- Capabilities & plans of current competitors
- Customer satisfaction with presently available solutions and customer plans.
- Estimate of available market, now and in the future, perhaps as number of bills per month or similar measure.



- Importance of pricing/processing economics
- GTEDS "true" cost to provide service.
- Influence of price on customers; service/price trade-offs.

This implies two discrete activities. The first may be considered "secondary" research on market size and dynamics as well as basic competitive analysis (there are at least nine service firms in the market). The second task would require interview work with customers of current services. It is not presently possible to specify the cost of this research since it may be that some of the necessary data is already known within GTE and it is further true that the outcome of the first task could materially alter the complexity of the second. Generally speaking a basic market assessment typically involves an expenditure of \$10,000 to \$15,000 and a detailed customer survey \$20,000 to \$27,000 for up to 50 customer for very in-depth interviews. Typical duration on a calendar basis is eight to ten weeks, although it may be possible to shorten this interval if necessary. It is also worth noting that several of the competitors in this market might potentially be candidates for joint venture or aquisition. This creates a linkage between all three tasks. INPUT looks forward to developing a full specification and detailed cost quote for this task with appropriate GTEDS staff.

SCHEDULE & FEES

As indicated, the calendar durations for Tasks One and Two are approximately eight weeks for the first and nine weeks for the second. We believe that with appropriate overlap, both tasks could be completed in ten to eleven weeks, nossibly sooner dependent upon logistics. The combined fee for the first two tasks is \$43,720.00 which is payable in two equal installments of \$21,860, one payment at the onset of the engagement and the second at conclusion. Expenses for travel, documents, expedited delivery services and related items (if any) are billed at documentable cost at the conclusion of the engagement. Expenses in excess of 5% of the base fee will not be incurred without the express permission of the GTEDS project supervisor.

CONCLUSION

INPUT looks forward to working closely with GTE Data Services on this challenging engagement. For your convenience an authorization block has been provided below. Simply sign appropriately and return a copy of this document to the New Jersey address on the letterhead. Should there be any questions or need for clarification, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for thinking of INPUT.

Sincefely,

D.W. Fostle
Vice President

Accepted by GTE Data Services: Accepted by INPUT:

Name: Name: Title: Title:

Date: Date:

Signature: Signature:



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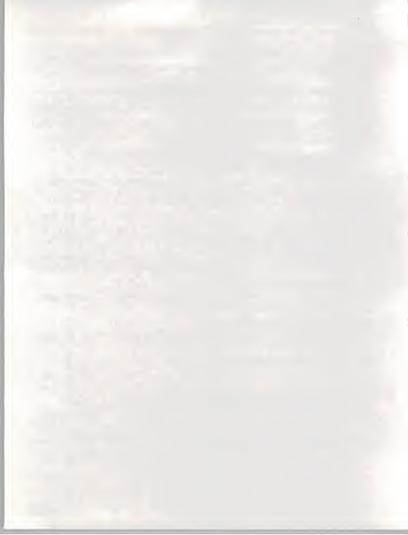
40b. Do you use the same billing services supplier for both wholesale and retail?

(INT: IF MORE THAN 1 SUPPLIER USE INSERT SHEET FOR WHOLESALE)

Thank you. Thinking now about your current supplier of billing services, we would like to understand your views on some dimensions of service provided. On this scale a "one" is poor while a "five" represents excellent quality. Now how would you rate your current provider on accuracy of bills? How important is accuracy?

(INT: ASK FOR QUALITY OF CURRENT PROVIDER AND IMPORTANCE)

		QUALITY	IMPORTANCE
41.	ACCURACY	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
42.	RATE YOUR CURRENT SUPPLIER ON THE NEED FOR RE-RUNS OF BILLING CYCLES?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
43.	TIMELINESS OF BILL PROCESSING?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
44.	RELIABILITY OF MAIN BILLING SYSTEM?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
45.	RELIABILITY OF ON-LINE SYSTEM?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
46.	QUALITY OF MANAGEMENT REPORTS?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
47.	FLEXIBILITY OF RATING UP-DATES?	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF	1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF



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48.	VENDOR DOCUMENTATION?	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
		DK NA REF	DK NA REF
49.	VENDOR TRAINING?	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
		DK NA REF	DK NA REF
50.	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE?	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
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54.	EASY TO USE?	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
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Thinking now about pricing, we would like you to rate an <u>ideal</u> service - that is one which meets the need profile we have discussed - on a cost per bill basis. The costs we are about to quote would include all ordinary charges except postage. On this scale "one" represents poor value while five represents excellent value. How would you rate the value of your "ideal" service at?

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58.	\$3.50 PER BILL	1 2 3 4 5
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59.	\$2.50 PER BILL	1 2 3 4 5
		DK NA REF
60.	\$1.75 PER BILL	1 2 3 4 5
		DK NA REF
61.	\$1.25 PER BILL	1 2 3 4 5
		DK NA REF
62.	Thinking now about roaming service	es, what price would you consider to be a $\underline{\text{fair}}$ price to

pay per roamer call billed through a clearinghouse?

PER CALL

PRICE \$



63.	What price per roamer call would you consider represented excellent value?
	PRICE \$ PER CALL
64.	Thank you, there are only a few more questions. Thinking about your current billing provider, what would you say are that provider's greatest strengths?
65.	And what would you say are the areas most in need of improvement by that provider?
66.	Thinking about the future, how likely is it on a scale of one to five with "one" unlikely and five "very" likely that you would consider changing billing providers? 1 2 3 4 5 DK NA REF
67.	Why is that? (INT: PROBE ON THIS)



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(INT: IF MORE THAN 1 SUPPLIER USE INSERT SHEET FOR WHOLESALE)

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(INT: ASK FOR QUALITY OF CURRENT PROVIDER AND IMPORTANCE)

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Whatever Happened to Cellular Radio?

Or, Why the Boom in the New Technology Fizzled

By THOMAS G. DONLAN

WASHINGTON — In the Iliad, Cassandra received the gift of accurate prophecy of impending harm, and the curse that her prophecies would never be believed. She warmed the Trojans not to bring that horse inside the city.

Herschel Shosteck is something of a modern-day Cassandra. For most of the 'Eighties, he has been warning that cellular radio telephones are not quite the gold mine that most observers believe. When others, like Arthur Andersen & Co, predicted sales of seven million to 10 million new mobile telephones by 1990, Shosteck said

1.5 million.

The first cellular systems went on line in late 1983, and now almost all of the top 90 cities in the country have servisaped cellular radio antenna is pretty much standard equipment in the BMW-Mercedes-Cadillae set. When you see someone walking along a downtown steer in urgent, aminated anatagonist, there's now a chance it's a portable phone user inseed of a troubled streetperson.

On Wall Street, investors can choose among at least two dozen companies with cellular properties, not counting the seven regional Bell holding companies, GTE and other tele-

phone companies.
But Shosteck's forecasts
have proved most accurate. Cellular telephones in service number just about 325,000, only
about 10% higher than Shosteck's gloomiest projection for
his point. And investors can
look and look, but they will not
find a company making a decent return on its investment
in cellular telephones.

"There's some positive cash flow, but no real profits," comments Shosteck, who has just completed a survey of operating cellular systems in the 30 largest markets. The mail and phone inquiry was a form of "reality testing" for his theoretical estimates, he explains.

His conclusion: "There was no rainbow and there was no pot of gold at the end of it."

So a Sample for reported operating results reinforces the point: Southern New England Telephone asp is cellular usinnesses won't reach break-even it doesn't know when it will make money in cellular, Alltel says it lost an unspecified amount in cellular in 1875 but and the same that the same that the same that the same that the same table that the same that the same that the same table that the same that the same that the same that the same table that the same th



from paging, broadcasting and other businesses.

Why is cellular lagging so the behind the promise of its most ardent advocates? Why doesn't every real-estate agent, every traveling salesman, every construction superintendent, everyone who spends a large piece of the work day in a car, have a cellular telephone? The answer simply is price.

Everyone who knows the business, even mean of 'Hersel' schel Shosteck, believes cellular phones could be twideo cassette recorders of the late Eighttes if the price fell fast enough. Right now, however, the phones are like the Betamax in the mid-'Seventies, poised—seemingly permanently—on the brink of success.

The full cost of a typical cellular telephone—monthly financing, installation and service charges, has been cut nearly in half in two years, but it still runs more than \$150 a month in most cities. At that price, it's hard to overcome the sales resistance of people who use beepers and pay phones, or who just don't care that much about

staying in rouch with the office.

What's worse. Shosteck
warms that much the price of equipment dropped of annalically as the price of equipment dropped of annalically last year because Jannese equipment producers listened to Shosteck's competitors in the consulting business and overestimated the size of the U.S. market. He reckons that early in 1985, a year's supply of mobile phones was sitting in ware-houses.

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Q: Let's go back to your portfolio of 10 global stocks. How many of these would you put into it?

A: The way I feel right now, I'm suffering from a little acrophobia in some of these other markers. Of 10 stocks, at this markers, of 10 stocks, at this markers, of 10 stocks, at this markers, of 10 stocks, at the property of them from Hong, out of them from Hong, out of the property of the markers of the property of

The thing that I like best, though, is that I don't think there is a lot of risk in the Hong Kong market.

Q: Anything else about your trip that struck you?

A: I really was struck by the interelationships of currencies. People really haven't focused on how these Southeast Asian currencies are linked to the dollar, that the decline in the dollar has really improved their competitive position.

An economy like Hong Kong's which was a net loser from high oil prices, really has a lot going for it here, with lower interest rates, lower oil prices, and a lower oilar. Southeast Asia is an exciting area. And it is clear to me that Singapore is not the way to play it right now. It may be later, but not now. Hong Kong is.

Q: Singapore no, Hong Kong, yes.

A: The thing about Singapore is—I guess I should say it—that the contrarians are attracted to it because the market is down. Just the fact that it is down in a worldwide bull market really has attracted contrarian buying—from very successful contrarians.

Q: We might add that contrarians have been shorting our markets. So maybe this ain't the year for contrarians.

A: That's right. I really wanted to make the case for Singapore, because you have to admire them as a people and for their system. But I can't do it.

Q: Well, if you can't do it, we doubt the case can be made. Thanks, Barton.

Cellular Radio

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has been largely worked off. The Japanese producers have been hit with anti-dumping charges before the U.S. International Trade Commission. And the dollar buys 30% less in Japan than it did a year ago. So Shosteck projects only moderate price declines for equipment

over the next few years.

As for service, competition can be expected to drive charges

down, since the Federal Communications Commission mandated two competing systems in every city, one run by a local it elephone company, one run by somebody else, usually a coalition of paging companies.

But Shosteck notes that competition is likely to drive prices only to a level near actual costs, and he warns that big-city cellular systems are costing more than anyone expected.

In a new survey of cellular systems. Shosteck has discovered a disquieting trend: Cellular has not delivered the theoretical capacity expected, because customers aren't so obliging as to spread themselves out over a metropolitan area. Instead, they congregate in certain cells at certain hours of the day.

"Los Angeles has three freeways converging at a single point. Rush hour comes, and traffic stops. It's a great time to get on the phone." When users are concentrated like that, a system that could theoretically handle 100,000 customers overloads at only a fifth of "capacity."

Just as bad, according to Shosteck, are the problems of radio transmission in the concrete-and-steel canyons of the biggest cities. Echoes and signal bounces produce hot spots and dead spots. Such radio difficulties put a heavy load on a cellular system's central switch, with must classified and virsawith must classified and virsatimes than would be needed in a loace with little interference.

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The table provides Herschel Shostek's estimates of what demand existed for ceilular ear in the top 30 markets and what it will be in 1990, based on wealth, number of business. population growth.

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averaging \$15 per resident of a big city market. But others are paying high prices, including Mobile Communications Corp. of America, Lin Broadcasting. the McCaw Communications subsidiary of Affiliated Publications, and, among telephone companies, BellSouth and Pa-cific Telesis.

For example, Mobile Communications Corp. of America, backed by BellSouth, agreed to buy 85% of American Cellular Telephone Corp. for a price that reflected about \$30 a head for access to residents of Los Angeles. The price may reflect MCCA's acquisition of a controlling interest in the Los Angeles operation, Similarly, US-West has bid \$24 a head, plus \$5 more in anticipated construction costs, for a Communications Industries franchise in San Dicgo.

Lin Broadcasting found lower prices, which, however, would have seemed high two years ago. Lin added to its controlling interests in Dallas and Houston recently by paying \$10 and \$13.75 a head, respectively. Lin lost \$4 million, or nearly 15 cents a share after tax, last year on cellular and is expected to lose more in 1986, in part because the costs of getting customers signed up exceed early revenues. But on the assumption that higher costs today mean higher earnings tomorrow, the market accords Lin a lofty multiple of 31 times earnings (which takes into account

positive income from broadcast-

Shosteck is slow to knock such deals, since he does believe that cellular will someday be a fine and profitable business. "I wish I could sell out now: I wish I had something to sell out, It's not very often that you can get several thousand percent return in one or two years. However, that doesn't mean the people who are buying in now are fools. Over the long term-and I'm talking about 10 yearsthere will be a substantial profit, which makes a \$10-\$20 investment not unreasonable.

But Hershel Shosteck has a reputation to uphold, so he adds: "A lot of them are in for disillusionment. Unless you have very deep pockets, you can't afford to be a part of it."

Gains in Quarterly Net At Tobacco Companies

Philip Morris Cos. said last week that first-quarter profits spurted 23% over a year ago, while R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. posted a 13% gain in in-

The results reflect generally strong performances in the com-panies' food and tobacco businesses, as well as major acquisitions that they made last year.

Philip Morris said net income for the three months ended March 31 came to \$316 million, or \$1.32 a share, compared with \$256 million, or \$1.06 share. Revenues soared 78.7% to \$5.92 billion from \$3.31 billion.

Reynolds said its net incom for the three months ended March 31 came to \$206 million, or 66 cents a share, compared with \$182 million, or 66 cents a share, a year ago.

Per-share earnings were unchanged because of dilution of 19 cents a share in the most recent quarter, a result of the company's acquisition of Nabi-sco Brands Inc. for \$4.9 billion in mid-1985

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NY Court Kills FCC Strictures On Dial-A-Porn

By Leonard Heymann NEW YORK — A federal ap-peals court in New York has set aside FCC rules that would have restricted minors from gaining access to "dial-a-porn" message services, but did not prevent the commission from enacting the

same regulations in other states. The rules, requiring either a credit card or personal identifica-tion number (PIN) to access the adult-messages services, are unworkable in New York Telephone (Continued on Page 37)



IBM Links S/370. S/36 To Token Net: **Enhances Software**

RYE BROOK, N.Y. - IBM last week took the next

major step in connectivity for its Token-Ring Network bringing the System/370 mainframe and System/36 departmental minicomputer into the fold of systems that connect directly to the local-area network

In the first flurry of Token-Ring Network follow-ons since the network's debut last year (Communications-Week, Oct. 21, 1985). IBM also unveiled a second version of the Token-Ring Network PC Adapter, the add-in board that links PCs to the LAN, to support IBM Industrial Computers. Other hardware additions

Brown Chairs Last Annual Meeting; No Successor Named

SAN FRANCISCO — Charles L. Brown, 65, AT&T's chairman since 1979, swung the gavel for the last time at the 131st annual meeting last Tues-

day, bidding farewell to the company's shareholders. He will retire in August. Brown laced his comments to stockholders and the press with references to his accomplishments during his sevenyear tenure. But he disappointed analysts who predicted he'd tip his hand

about who will be named to succeed him. Though Brown maintained his composure as he recounted his stewardship of the company during its pivotal years, his wife, Ann Lee Brown, had told employees that the departure was

triggering deepfelt emotions.

Speaking after her husband at an employee meeting the night before, she

expressed how difficult the prospect of chairing his last meeting was for Brown. She said he had chosen not to express his feelings to employees personally for fear he would cry, accord-

ing to an AT&T employee present.
The Browns regard AT&T as their family and wish they did not have to leave in August, she said. Brown's par-ents worked for AT&T: His father worked for AT&T Long Lines for 37 years and his mother was a Long Lines operator supervisor. AT&T rules man-

date retirement at the age of 65 Brown looked haggard at the share-holders' meeting. His eyes bore heavy bags and his usual curt manner during press conferences was even more accentuated. One employee attributed appearance and demeanor to (Continued on Page 6)

Small Cellular Mkts. Get Hot

Cellular Switching

In the nation's largest cities cellular telephones have become so commonplace that the image of a businessman wheeling through rush hour traffic with a phone in his hand no longer turns many heads.

But in smaller markets cellular remains a novelty, if it exists at all. That means new opportunities for system operators, for their customers-and for rubberneckers not

vet conditioned to the sight of those one-handed drivers The smaller markets also repr ent new opportunities and challenges for transmission equipment vendors. Scaled-down systems for

smaller markets are the emerging trend in cellular radio telephone systems, as equipment vendors seek to satisfy the needs of cellular radio operators demanding economical networks they can bring on line

quickly And that demand for smaller systems has provided a forum for start-up suppli-ers to challenge the leaders—Motorola Inc., AT&T, Northern

Systems Telecom lnc. and Ericsson Radio Systems Inc .- with economical, low-end cellular switching gear aimed at wireline (telcoowned) and non-wireline carriers. Robust competition and enhanced

sales of stand-alone systems in (Continued on Page 21)

PROFILE

COS President A Real General



Faurer: COS's three-star gene al ready for the 'challenge.'

By Laurel Nelson-Rowe ALEXANDRIA, VA. — He's left behind the three-star epaulets, the spit-shined shoes and the tendency to

salute instead of shaking hands, but other vestiges of a 35-year military career are still quite evident in Lincoln Faurer, the new president of the Corporation for Open Systems.
Introduced as "the General," the retired Air Force officer has shucked his uniform for conservative suits and white shirts. But while the surface details have changed, Faurer intends to use

management expertise he gained in decades of military assignments to help make COS an influential world force Harnessing the resources of COS' membership-upwards of 41 computer

and communications equipment manu-(Continued on Page 36)

Cellular Groups Jockey For Lottery Positions

By Steven Titch WASHINGTON - Three non-wireline cellular settlement groups last week were rushing to complete a merger agreement in time for this afternoon's FCC lottery for markets 121 to 135.

The maneuvers—bewildering as the IRS tax code, as much a gamble as a keno card—are in response to FCC rules that have undergone frequent and fundamental changes since the agency started awarding cellular per-

mits several years ago.

Last week's frenzied activity reflected investor anxiety as thousands of cellular applicants competed for a hand-ful of cellular permits. For many players, joining a settlement group seems the only hope of getting a piece of the action-tiny though the pieces may turn out to be.

Members of a settlement group agree that whichever one of them wins the lottery will sell slightly less than half its construction permit to the remaining group members. The FCC requires that the winner retain a

majority interest According to David Bednarsh, president of Mobile (Continued on Page 36)

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New Small Switch Vendors Heat Cellular Competition

small markets may be a consequence of these vendors' emergence.

Most wireline carriers have gotten off to substantial headstarts over their non-wireline competitors in the top 90 U.S. cellular markets, almost all of which have service. And mobile telephone switching offices (MTSOs) and their accompanying radio-frequency (RF) gear are either installed or on order in some smaller cities

Likewise, many non-wirelines in the top 90 markets have already ordered their systems, even though some large non-wireline contracts in the top 30 are still up for grabs. Those awards will probably come later this year.

But in markets smaller than the top 90, the field is still virtually wide open for equipment vendors. Further, the geographic and economic considerations of the smaller markets provide a dimension of design flexibility not found in larger cellular markets.

Cellular operators have three op-tions when building a system for smaller markets (Communications-Week, March 24). If the city adjoins or Reading, Pa. and Philadelphia—cell sites in the smaller city can be built to transmit, or "backhaul," calling traffic transmit, or backnaut, calling transc to the high-capacity switch of the larg-er city via long-distance lines. That way there is no local switching intelli-gence; all calls are processed by the big-city switch.

A second option is a remote switching unit (RSU) in the smaller city, driven by a large switch in the larger city. The RSU handles call-switching functions for the smaller city but leaves to the MTSO the major processing oper-

data, traffic analysis and diagnostics.
The third option is a self-contained, stand-alone system. Though the initial investment can be as high as \$5 million, prices appear to be declining. This option thus presents an increasingly attractive choice, especially for wirelines, in light of the rising costs for backhaul.

Bell companies have typically adopted one of the first two options and have made their largest cities hubs for cellular operations. For in-stance, Ameritech Mobile Communications Inc., Schaumburg, Ill., oper-ates a Flint, Mich., cellular network, using capacity from its Detroit system. Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems Inc., Dallas, operates San Antonio, Texas, from its MTSO in Dallas.

Almost all carriers begin with the first option, backhauling cellular traffic in small cities to the hub cities. Experts examining the often grim demand forecasts for the below-top-90 market generally predicted that backhauling would predominate indefinitely.

A Robert R. Nathan Associates Inc.

report released earlier this year, for example, predicted that only 37 markets below the top 90 would be able to support two carriers. Nathan, a Washington-based analysis firm, said that to be viable those two carriers would have to backhaul calling traffic, because system procurement in such a case would be economically unfeasible (Communications Week, Feb. 24).

System engineers at Ameritech undoubtedly had this forecast as well as others in mind when it began service in Dayton, Ohio, by backhauling to a Northern Telecom switch in Colum-

6572

bus. In only a few months, however, subscribership had mushroomed to more than 1,000, and long-distance

costs mounted Ameritech was proceeding with plans to cut over a remote switch to handle the increasing traffic when Northern approached it with a counter offer: a scaled-down version of Northern's MTX switch, configured especially for smaller applications, at the same cost as the remote. Ameritech agreed and the new switch was placed in operation.

The MTX-M (M for Mini), was Rich ardson, Texas-based Northern's answer to what appears to be a serious assault by two smaller companies, CTI Inc., Corinth, Miss., and Quintron

Corp., Quincy, Ill.

The established suppliers remain dominant. But CTI's and Quintron's scaled-down equipment, often requir-ing an initial investment of less than \$1 million, is shaping up as a threat in the small-systems market—a market which, according to analysts, did not exist six months ago

For example, NewVector Communi-cations Inc., a subsidiary of U S West Inc. but operating as a non-wireline in Omaha, Neb., has just selected a CTI switch, which uses E.F. Johnson radio and base-station equipment. NewVec-tor also just recently cut over a Quin-tron system it had been testing in (Continued on Page 22)

Motorola Leads Small Pack Of Cellular System Makers

By Steven Titch Call Motorola Inc. the leader of the cellular vendors pack. Primarily because it has the widest array of equipment and a solid record in mobile communications systems, Motorola has won the largest number of contracts-58, with 38 of those in operation by the end of March

Motorola has been particularly strong among non-wirelines, where strong among non-wirelines, where key contracts include Cellular Tele-phone Co., New York; Cellular One, Washington; and Gencom Cellular Inc., Atlanta. Motorola is also principle supplier to GTE Mobilnet Inc., Houston; United TeleSpectrum Inc., the cellular arm of Kansas City-based United Telecommunica-tions Inc.; and Centel Cellular Inc., Chicago.

In addition, Motorola has sold small systems to BellSouth Mobility Inc., Atlanta; Nynex Mobile Com-munications Inc., Pearl River, N.Y.; and Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems Inc., Dallas. Even so, its overall penetration of the Bell market has been minimal.

Doing the busiest Bell business is

AT&T, which has clinched 44 contracts and and brought 38 systems on line. Most of those have been Bell; AT&T has had little success on the



non-wireline side. Its one major nonwireline contract, for three systems with McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., Bellevue, Wash., may pro-duce a windfall. McCaw bought MCI Airsignal's cellular holdings and

> still to be awarded. AT&T's primary competitor for wireline business is Northern Telecom Inc., Richardson, Texas. Northern has teamed its switch with General Electric Co.'s cellular radio frequency (RF) gear to provide a turnkey system. Northern is primary vendor to NewVector Communications Inc., a U S West subsidiary, and has made inroads with the other

> now controls several more markets

in the top 30 in which contracts are

14 systems in operation. Ericsson Radio Systems Inc. has major non-wireline pacts with the Cellular One companies in Chi-Detroit, San Francisco and Buffalo. Radio Systems is a unit of Ericsson Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of LM Ericsson Telephone Co., Swe-den, the worldwide leader in cellular

BOCs. So far it has 16 contracts with

system sales.

Ericsson's presence in those Cellular One cities has enabled it to scoop up non-wireline business in the surrounding areas for a total of 16 contracts. Delays on the nonwireline side, however, have resulted in cutover of only three Ericsson systems

Astronet Corp., Lake Mary, Fla., a joint venture of Stromberg-Carlson Corp. and Japan's Mitsubishi Electric Corp., was plagued by a slow start and has only made three sales. NEC America Inc.'s Switching Systems Division, Richardson, whose Japanese parent supplied Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Public Corp. with the world's first cellular system.

has four U.S. contracts. Start-ups Quintron Corp., Quincy, Ill., and CTI Inc., Corinth, Miss.,

Ill., and CII inc., Corinta, Miss., have sold one system each. In the also-ran category comes Harris Corp.'s RF Communications Sector, Rochester, N.Y., which sold three systems before bowing out of the switching market late last year. Another casualty was ITT Network Systems, Raleigh, N.C., which failed , which failed to sell any cellular MTSOs



Smaller Cellular Markets Represent New Challenges,

Albuquerque, N.M.

Non-wirelines are generally considered more cost-con scious than their richer telco counterparts. But what's often forgotten is that though one Bell company may operate several systems, each operation is a separate partner-ship entity accountable to diverse owners. NewVector may operate Seattle and Omaha, for instance, but one cannot subsidize the other

So cost is an important consideration, even for a telco, said Jerry Wolfer, NewVector's director of operations. "We do whatever makes eco-nomic sense," Wolfer said.

"Our attitude is to go in as cheaply as possible," said Tom O'Malley, assistant vice president of system development at Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems. This involves studying construction costs, real estate acquisition and backhaul costs, which, if not figured properly. "can kill you." roperly, O'Malley said. Though Southwestern Bell

has thus far procured its cellular gear from AT&T Network Systems, Morristown, N.J., and Motorola, Schaumberg, the company will be considering bids from a new list of suppliers—in-cluding Quintron— for systems in Southwes-tern's smaller markets, O'Mal-

ley said. Kevin Colosia, marketing manager for cellular system products at Motorola's Systems Division, sees two segments in the wireline market. There are the larger independents that are spread across the country and then there are the BOCs, which have a strong regional presence," Colosia said "I anticipate the regional companies will try to maximize their franchised areas."

Motorola is addressing the

entire cellular market, from its EMX-2500 high-capacity digital MTSO down to its re-cently-introduced EMX II, whose capacity is limited to four cells and 54 voice channels. This switch, however, will not be available until 1987, placing Motorola at a competitive disadvantage. Mo-torola's EMX-2500 is a cellular version of the DEX600 tandem switch manufactured and supplied to Motorola by Digital Switch Corp., Plano, Texas.

Motorola maintains an advantage, however, with its in-stalled base of MTSOs and, of late, its ability to network its switches. This capability, known as Distributed Mobile Exchange (DMX), provides auto-matic transfer of data between Motorola switches. Thus cellular subscribers on a Motorola system are able to retain features such as call forwarding and three-way calling when traveling in other cities where the cellular system employs Motorola MTSOs.

switch-to-switch "handoffs," in which a moving caller can

drive out of one market and into another without interrupting the call. DMX has been implemented already in Motorola's U.K. system and Colosia predicts it will be used in the United States very "We see a heavy presence in the Northeast corri-

dor," he said. Northern Telecom expects to have switch-to-switch handoff capability available by Auaccording to Leonard gust, according to Leonard McCoy, senior account man-ager for cellular mobile telephone service. "We expect this to be a strong factor with the 90-plus markets," McCoy said Northern's method also vides operators with call-traf-

a cell-by-cell basis, enabling operators to note patterns in usage and project capability requirements.

Still, the size of Northern's MTX-M, with a minimum of 96 ports, may be too large to compete effectively with smaller and less expensive gear.

AT&T, with only two models-the Autoplex 10 and the dication it will not be pursuing the small system market, choosing instead to work with its BOC customers at expanding existing systems to cover wider areas. Examples in-clude Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems' so-called Supersystem, linking Autoplexes in Philadelphia; Wilmington, Del.; and Atlantic City, N.J.





New Opportunities For System Equipment Vendors

Cynthia Zey, department chief for cellular systems at AT&T Network Systems, said the company would adopt this expansion policy throughout the smaller MSAs. Zey was unavailable for this report, but Sophia Petrow, product planner for AT&T Network Systems, said AT&T has not made a final decision concern-

plans in the small markets. Petrow did say that AT&T

plans to make Autoplex-to-Autoplex handoff capability available later this year.

Seeking Standards

The Electronic Industries Association has been unable so far to arrive at standards that would allow handoffs

among competing manufac-turers' switches.

Most suppliers remain reluctant to share proprietary information, despite having submitted engineering proposals. Optimists see a protocol emerging by the end of this year; pessimists don't expect real progress much before 1987 or 1988. The one thing both sides agree about is that

a universal protocol must be developed for cellular to be come a truly nationwide mo-

bile communications network. Ericsson has switch-toswitch networking in the engineering phase but no specif-ic availability date, said Barry Kratz, Ericsson's director of operations. Like AT&T, Ericsson has no specialized standalone equipment aimed at operators in small markets. Its market strategy is based on backhaul alternatives.

Using a major contract in Detroit as an anchor, for example, Ericsson is now building systems for non-wirelines in Lansing, Mich., and Toledo, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio. All will share Detroit's switch Observers believe the company will follow this format in the smaller markets around San Francisco, Chicago and Houston, where Ericsson has also

won non-wireline contracts. One cost advantage that Ericsson is exploiting is the non-wirelines' ability to construct and operate their own long-haul lines. The BOCs are prevented by the AT&T divestiture agreement from provid-ing service across LATA (local access transport area) boundaries. Those restrictions, however, probably won't last for-ever. Several Bell companies already have waiver requests pending before U.S. district judge Harold H. Greene on this matter. The BOCs argue that, for cellular, the inter-LATA restriction is competi-

tively injurious. Smaller suppliers Quintron and CTI agree with other vendors that cost is a major priority among carriers. Yet, un-like Ericsson and AT&T, they believe operators also seek the greater degree of control that stand-alone switch affords.

The technological advantage of a stand-alone switch is servicability without dependensaid Glen Teason, cellular sales manager for Quintron. Both Quintron and CTI use

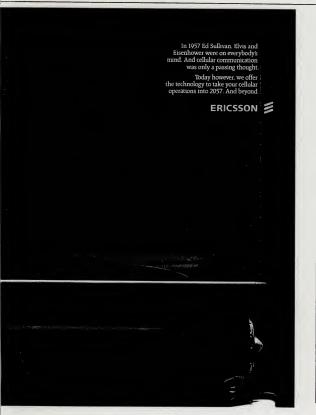
the modular concept-building up a smaller system, instead of borrowing down from a larger one. Both companies can offer starter systems of two or three cells for under \$1 million

Jim Davis, senior staff engineer for cellular hardware at CTI, scoffs at the notion that cellular will not make it to the small markets. "I think all wirelines will put a system on-line," he said. "At some point, even in the small markets, that [radio] spectrum will be a valuable commodity.

Quintron's Teason is equally upbeat. "Our system is economical due to its modular-ity," he said. "We custom-tailor hardware and software for unique applications. Each type of carrier has its special needs. We try to hit their 'hot button.""

In addition to its standalone switch, Quintron offers operators a variety of alternatives, including cell sites with compact, often pole-mounted equipment especially economical for highway corridors, Teason said.

Both companies are vigorously marketing to wirelines and non-wirelines, which they see as having similar needs, albeit different ways of doing business.





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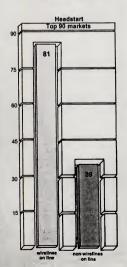






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Markets On Line



Key: W-wireline carrier. NW-non-wireline carrier. CPG-construction permit granted. Information available as of March 28, 1986.

MSA #/Nama	Systam Operators	Status	Calls	Switching Equipment
1 NEW YORK	W - Nynex Mobile	On line 6/15/64	48	AT&T
	NW - Metro One	On line 4/5/66	24	Motorola
2 LOS ANGELES	W PacTel Mobile Access	On line 6'13/64	29	AT&T
	NW LA Cellular Telephone	CPG 12/4/84	24	Motorola (
3 CHICAGO	W - Ameritech Mobile	On line 10/13/83	44	AT&T
	NW - Cellular One	On line 1/3/85	18	Ericsson
4 PHILADELPHIA	W - Bell Atlantic Mobile	On line 7/12/84	32°	AT&T
	NW - Metrophone	On line 2/12/86	18	Motorola
5 DETROIT	W - Ameritech Mobile	On line 9/21/84	19	AT&T
	NW - Cellular One	On line 7/30/85	15	Ericsson
6 BOSTON	W - Nynex Mobile	On line 1/1/85	20	AT8.T
	NW - Cellular One	On line 1/1/85	10	Motorola
7 SAN FRANCISCO	W - GTE Moblinet NW - Cellular One	On line 4/2/85 CPG 8/9/84	25°	Motorola Ericsson
8 WASHINGTON	W - Bell Atlantic Mobile	On line 4/2/84	38°	AT&T
	NW - Cellular One	On line 12/16/83	25°	Motorola
9 DALLAS	W - Southwestern Bell Mobile	On line 7/31/84	41	AT&T
	NW - Metroplex	On line 3/1/86	28	Motorola
10 HOUSTON	W - GTE Mobilnet	On line 9/28/84	8	Motorola
	NW - Houston Cellular Telephone	CPG 12/27/84	29	Ericsson
11 ST. LOUIS	W - Southwestern Bell Mobile	On line 7/16/84	17	A1&1
	NW - CyberTel	On line 7/16/84	13	Motorola
12 MIAMI	W - BellSouth Mobility	On line 5/25/84	23*	AT&T
	NW - Florida Cellular Telephone	CPG 4/26/85	16	NTI/GE
13 PITTSBURGH	W-Bell Atlantic Mobile	On line 12/10/84	20	AT&T
	NW-Cellular One	CPG 3/6/84	17	Astronet
14 BALTIMORE	W - Bell Atlantic Mobile	On line 4/2/84	38*	AT&T
	NW - Cellular One	On line 12/16/83	25*	Motorola
15 MINNEAPOLIS	W - NewVector Communications	On line 6/6/84	13	NTI/GE
	NW - MCI/Cellcom	On line 7/23/84	11	NTI/GE
16 CLEVELAND	W – GTE Mobilnet	On line 12/18/84	9	Motorola
	NW – Cellular One	On line 5/31/85	7	NTI/GE
17 ATLANTA	W-BellSouth Mobility	On line 9/5/84	12	AT&T
	NW-GenCorn Cellular of Atlanta	CPG 1/18/85	10	Motorois
18 SAN DIEGO	W - PacTel Mobile Access NW - GenCom	On line 8'15'85 CPG 3/7/85	8	AT&T Motorola
19 DENVER	W - NewVector Communications	On line 7/10/84	10	NTI/GE
	NW - Cellular One	CPG 1/31/85	11	NEC (I)
20 SEATTLE	W - NewVector Communications	On line 7/12/84	13	NT//GE
	NW - Cellular One	On line 12/12/85	15*	AT&T
21 MILWAUKEE	W - Ameritech Mobile NW - Milwaukee Telephone Co.	On line 8/1/84 On line 6/1/84	9 7	AT&T Motorola
22 TAMPA	W-GTE Mobilnet NW-Baylone	On line 11/30/84 CPG 4/26/85	10	Motorola
23 CINCINNATI	W - Ameritech Mobile NW - Southern Ohlo Telephone	On line 11/5/84 CPG 1/9/85	13	AT&T Ericsson
24 KANSAS CITY	W - Southwestern Bell Mobile	On line 8/14/84	13	Motorola
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25 BUFFALO	W – Nynex Mobile	On line 4/16/84	7	Motorola
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26 PHOENIX	W- NewVector Communications	On line 8/15/84	9	NTI/GE
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27 SAN JOSE	W - GTE Mobilnet NW - Cellular One	On line 4/2/85 CPG 8/9/84	24° 27	Motorola Ericsson
28 INDIANAPOLIS	W = GTE Mobilnet NW = Indianapolis Telephone Co.	On line 5/3/84 On line 2/3/84	5 9	Motorola Motorola
29 NEW ORLEANS	W - BellSouth Mobility	On line 9/1/84	5	Motorola
	NW - Radiofone	On line 9/6/85	5	Motorola
30 PORTLAND	W - GTE Mobilnet NW - Cellular One	On line 3/5/85 On line 7/12/85	5	Motorola AT&T

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31 COLUMBUS	W-Ameritech Mobile NW-Celluler One	On line 5'30'85 CPG 1/28/85	5	NT MGE Ericsson
2 HARTFORD	W - Southern New England Tel. NW - Hartford Cellular Co.	On line 1/31/85 CPG 2/14/85	6	AT &T Motorola
3 SAN ANTONIO	W – Southwestern Bell Mobile NW – San Antonio Cellular Tel.	On line 1/28/85 CPG 1/30/85	12	TSTA
4 ROCHESTER	W - Rochester Telephone NW - Genesee Telephone Co.	On line 6/4/85 CPG 1/30/85	5 7	AT&T Ericsson
5 SACRAMENTO	W - PacTel Mobile Access NW - Sacremento Celluler Tel.	On line 8/29/85 CPG 2/13/85	5 5	NEC
6 MEMPHIS	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Memphis Cellular Tel.	On line 5/1/85 CPG 2/13/85	5	Materola AT&T
7 KY	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Louisville Telephone	On line 1/3/85 On line 2/15/85	5	Motorola AT&T
8 PROVIDENCE	W - Nynex Mobile NW - Providence Cellular Tel.	On line 8'22'85 CPG 9/21/84	4 8	AT&T Motorola
9 SALT LAKE CITY	W - NewVector Communications NW - Salt Lake City Telephone	On line 1/29/85 CPG 3/6/85	6	TSTA
O DAYTON	W - Ameritech Mobile NW - Cellular One	On line 5/31/85 On line 6/10/85	5	NTI/GE Ericsson
1 BIRMINGHAM	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Birmingham Cellular Tel.	On line 9'26'85 CPG 2/14/85	3	Motoroia
2 BRIDGEPORT	W - Southern New England Tel. NW - Bridgeport Cellular Co.	On line 5/20/85 CPG 1/28/85	5	AT8T Motorola
3 NORFOLK	W - Contel Cellular, Inc. NW - Cellular One	On line 5/3/85 On line 11/1/85	4 5	AT8T Motorola
4 ALBANY	W - Nynex Mobile NW - Cellular System One	On line 6/25/85 CPG 9/4/84	4	NTI/GE
5 OKLAHOMA CITY	W-Southwestern Bell Mobile NW-Cellular One	On line 1/14/85 On line 1/10/86	9	T8TA T8TA
6 NASHVILLE	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Nachville Cellular Telephone	On line 6/10/85 CPG 1/30/85	8	Motorola
7 GREENSBORO	W - Centel NW - Cellular One	On line 5/15/85 On line 12/27/85	8	Motorola Motorola
8 TOLEDO	W - United TeleSpectrum NW - Toledo Cellular Telephone	On line 7/25/85 CPG 12/8/83	9	Motorola Ericsson
9 NEW HAVEN	W - Southern New England Tel. NW - New Haven Cellular Co.	On line 3/4/85 CPG 2/14/85	6	AT&T Motorola
O HONOLULU	W - GTE Mobilinet NW - Honolulu Cellular Tel.	CPG 3/26/84 CPG 2/27/85	4 13	Motorola Ericseon
1 JACKSONVILLE	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Jacksonville Cellular Tel.	On line 6/12/85 CPG 2/21/85	6	Motorola.
2 AKRON	W - GTE Mobilnet NW - Cellular One	On line 10/31/85 CPG 2/13/85	4	Motorola NTI/GE
3 SYRACUSE	W-Nynex Mobile NW-Cellular One	On line 1/24/86 On line 12/31/85	3	NTI/GE Motorola
4 GARY -	W - Ameritech Mobile NW - Gery Cellular Telephone	On line 3/11/85 CPG 1/30/65	3	AT&T C
5 WORCESTER	W - Nynex Mobile NW - Worcester Cellular Tel.	On line 11/18/85 On line 11/18/85	5	AT8T
6 NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA	W-Commonwealth Telephone NW-Northeast Pennsylvenia Tel.	On line 7/2/85 On line 1/1/86	8 3	NTI/GE NTI/GE
7 TULSA OK	W - United States Cellular NW - Tulsa Cellular Telephone Co.	On line 8/30/85 CPG 6/18/85	8 10	NEC Astronet
8 ALLENTOWN	W - Bell Atlantic Mobile NW - Cellular One	On line 3/18/85 On line 10/18/85	32* 5	AT&T NTI/GE
9 RICHMOND	W - Contel Cellular, Inc. NW - Cellular One	On line 5/10/85 CPG 2/4/85	5 7	AT&T NEC
O ORLANDO	W - BellSouth Mobility NW - Orlando Cellular Tal.	On line 2/27/85 CPG 2/27/85	4	Motorola

The Procurement Stakes

Top 90 markets			
Manufacturer	Systems contracted for	Systems on line	
Motorola	63	48	
AT&T	51	44	
NTI/GE	20	18	
Ericsson	15	15	
NEC	4	3	
Astronet	3	1	
CTI/E.F. Johnson	1	1	

New Markets



Installed Base Callular Phones

The information for the graph above is extrapolated from industry sources.



Whatever Happened to Cellular Radio?

Or, Why the Boom in the New Technology Fizzled

By THOMAS G. DONLAN

WASHINGTON - In the Iliad. Cassandra received the gift of accurate prophecy of impending harm, and the curse that her prophecies would never be believed. She warned the Troians not to hring that horse inside the city.

Herschel Shosteck is something of a modern-day Cassandra. For most of the 'Eighties. he has been warning that cellular radio telephones are not quite the gold mine that most observers believe. When others like Arthur Andersen & Co., predicted sales of seven million to 10 million new mohile telephones by 1990, Shosteck said 1.5 million

The first cellular systems went on line in late 1983, and now almost all of the top 90 cities in the country have service. The distinctive corkscrewshaped cellular radio antenna is pretty much standard equip-ment in the BMW-Mercedes-Cadillac set. When you see someone walking along a downtown street in urgent, animated conversation with an invisible antagonist, there's now a chance it's a portable phone user in-stead of a troubled streetperson.

On Wall Street, investors can choose among at least two dozen companies with cellular properties, not counting the seven regional Bell holding companies, GTE and other telephone companies.

But Shosteck's forecasts

have proved most accurate. Cellular telephones in service number just about 325,000, only about 10% higher than Shosteck's gloomiest projection for this point. And investors can look and look, but they will not find a company making a decent return on its investment in cellular telephones.

"There's some positive cash flow, but no real profits," comments Shosteck, who has just completed a survey of operating cellular systems in the 30 largest markets. The mail and phone inquiry was a form of "reality testing" for his theoretical estimates, he explains.

His conclusion: "There was no rainbow and there was no pot of gold at the end of it."

A sample of reported operresults reinforces oint: Southern New England Telephone says its cellular husinesses won't reach hreak-even until next year, Ameritech says it doesn't know when it will make money in cellular, Alltel says it lost an unspecified amount in cellular in 1985 hut considers it "attractive"; Cincinnati Bell says cellular cost it 20 cents a share in 1985; etc., etc. Most of the smaller companies in the business lump their cellular results in with profits



from paging, hroadcasting and other businesses.

Why is cellular lagging so far behind the promise of its most ardent advocates? Why doesn't every real-estate agent, every traveling salesman, every construction superintendent, ev ervone who spends a large piece of the work day in a car, have a cellular telephone? The answer simply is price.

Everyone who knows the business, even mean ol' Her-schel Shosteck, believes cellular phones could be the video cas-sette recorders of the late 'Eighties if the price fell fast enough. Right now, however, the phones are like the Betamax in the mid-'Seventies, poised seemingly permanently—on the hrink of success.

The full cost of a typical cellular telephone-monthly financing, installation and service charges, has been cut nearly in half in two years, but it still runs more than \$150 a month in most cities. At that price, it's hard to overcome the sales resistance of people who use beepers and pay phones, or who just don't care that much ahout

staying in touch with the office.

What's worse, Shosteck
warns that much of the price decline is over. The price of equipment dropped dramati-cally last year because Japanese equipment producers listened to Shosteck's competitors in the consulting husiness and overestimated the size of the U.S. market. He reckons that early in 1985, a year's supply of mo-hile phones was sitting in warehouses. Now, however, that supply

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Q: Let's go back to your portfolio of 10 global stocks. How many of these would you put into it?

A: The way I feel right now, I'm suffering from a little acrophobia in some of these other markets. Of 10 stocks, at this point, I would have four of them from Hong Kong. In a broader global portfolio, we would have 10%-12% of our assets in Hong Kong. I can't see any place that looks as attrac-tive. The only thing that can go wrong is that if we are wrong about an economic recovery in the industrial world, Hong Kong is going to flop. It is an export economy, and has got to have the export demand.

The thing that I like best, though, is that I don't think there is a lot of risk in the Hong Kong market.

Q: Anything else about your trip that struck you?

A: I really was struck by the interrelationships of currencies. People really haven't focused on how these Southeast Asian currencies are linked to the dollar, that the decline in the dollar has really improved their competitive position.

An economy like Hong Kong's which was a net loser from high oil prices, really has a lot going for it here, with lower interest rates, lower oil prices, and a lower dollar. Southeast Asia is an exciting area. And it is clear to me that Singapore is not the way to play it right now. It may be later, but not now. Hong Kong is.

Q: Singapore no, Hong Kong,

A: The thing about Singa-pore is-I guess I should say it-that the contrarians are attracted to it because the market is down. Just the fact that it is down in a worldwide bull market really has attracted contrarian buying-from very successful contrarians.

Q: We might add that contrarians have been shorting our markets. So maybe this ain't the year for contrarians

A: That's right. I really anted to make the case for Singapore, because you have to admire them as a people and for their system. But I can't do it.

Q: Well, if you can't do it, we ibt the case can be made. Thanks, Barton.

Cellular Radio

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has been largely worked off. The Japanese producers have been hit with anti-dumping charges before the U.S. International Trade Commission. And the dollar buys 30% less in Japan than it did a year ago. So Shosteck projects only moder-are price declines for equipment

over the next few years. As for service, competition can be expected to drive charges

down, since the Federal Communications Commission mandated two competing systems in every city, one run by a local telephone company, one run by somebody else, usually a coalition of paging companies.

But Shosteck notes that competition is likely to drive prices only to a level near actual costs, and he warns that big-city cellular systems are costing

more than anyone expected.

In a new survey of cellular systems, Shosteck has discovered a disquieting trend: Cellular has not delivered the theoretical capacity expected, because customers aren't so obliging as to spread themselves out over a metropolitan area. Instead, they congregate in certain cells at certain hours of the day.

"Los Angeles has three freeways converging at a single point. Rush hour comes, and traffic stops. It's a great time to get on the phone." When users are concentrated like that, a system that could theoretically

handle 100,000 customers overloads at only a fifth of "capac-

Just as bad, according to Shosteck, are the problems of radio transmission in the con crete-and-steel canyons of the biggest cities. Echoes and signal bounces produce hot spots and dead spots. Such radio difficulties put a heavy load on a cellular system's central switch, which must transfer a conversation from cell to cell many more times than would be needed in a place with little interference.

The only solution is to add Continued on Next Page



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Minneapolis 9,600 2,218 6,800 26,900 The table provides Herschel Shostak's estimates of what demand existed for cellular phones lest year in the top 30 markets and what it will be in 1990, based on wealth, number of businesses and

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Cont. from Preceding Page averaging \$15 per resident of a big city market. But others are paying high prices, including Mobile Communications Corp. of America, Lin Broadcasting, the McCaw Communications subsidiary of Affiliated Publications, and, among telephone companies, BellSouth and Pa-

cific Telesis. For example, Mobile Com-munications Corp. of America, backed by BellSouth, agreed to buy 85% of American Cellular Telephone Corp. for a price that reflected about \$30 a head for access to residents of Los Ange-The price may reflect MCCA's acquisition of a controlling interest in the Los Angeles operation. Similarly, US-West has bid \$24 a head, plus \$5 more in anticipated construction costs, for a Communications Industries franchise in San Diego

Broadcasting found lower prices, which, however, would have seemed high two years ago. Lin added to its controlling interests in Dallas and Houston recently by paying \$10 and \$13.75 a head, respectively Lin lost \$4 million, or nearly 15 cents a share after tax, last year on cellular and is expected to lose more in 1986, in part because the costs of getting customers signed up exceed early revenues. But on the assumption that higher costs today mean higher earnings tomorrow, the market accords Lin a lofty multiple of 31 times earn-ings (which takes into account

positive income from broadcast-

Shosteck is slow to knock such deals, since he does believe that celtular will someday be a fine and profitable business. wish I could sell out now; t wish I had something to sell out. It's not very often that you can get several thousand percent return in one or two years. However, that doesn't mean the people who are buying in now are fools. Over the long term-and t'm tatking about 10 yearsthere will be a substantial profit, which makes a \$10-\$20 investment not unreasonable

But Hershel Shosteck has a reputation to uphold, so he adds: "A lot of them are in for disillusionment. Unless you have very deep pockets, you can't afford to be a part of it."

Gains in Quarterly Net At Tobacco Companies

Philip Morris Cos said last week that first-quarter profits spurted 23% over a year ago, while R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. posted a 13% gain in in-

The results reflect generally strong performances in the companies' food and tobacco businesses, as well as major acquisitions that they made last year.

Phitip Morris said net income for the three months ended March 31 came to \$316 million, or \$1.32 a share, compared with \$256 mittion, or \$1.06 share. Revenues soared 78.7% to \$5.92 billion from \$3.31 billion.

Reynolds said its net income for the three months ended March 3t came to \$206 million. or 66 cents a share, compared with \$182 million, or 66 cents a share, a year ago.

Per-share earnings were unchanged because of dilution of 19 cents a share in the most recent quarter, a result of the company's acquisition of Nabisco Brands Inc. for \$4.9 billion in mid-1985.

Nabisco Brands' first-quarter results generally reflected strong performances in all of its major operating units.

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DRAMATIC INCREASE IN CELLULAR SUBSCRIBERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The number of cellular telephone customers nearly tripled during 1985 according to the industry's trade association.

At the beginning of 1985 there were less than 100,000 subscribers to the new mobile communication service. The subscriber figure more than doubled during the first six months or 203,000 and then continued its dramatic climb to end the year with 340,213. This represents a 271 percent increase, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA") reported.

CTIA collects data from operating cellular systems every six months. This is the third survey. CTIA, which represents nearly 90 percent of all cellular operators, is the only source of such industry data. All but one of the 102 systems operating in 1985 are included in the survey. That system went on line the last week of the year and was inadvertently omitted from the data survey.

The dynamic expansion of the industry is also noted in the massive investment of capital (which increased 157 percent), the rise in service revenues and the addition of 69 new systems in 1985.

"We almost became a billion dollar industry," Robert W. Maher, Executive Director of CTIA, said in releasing the statistics. "Our capital investments totaled \$911,166,640. We began the year with \$354,760,500."

"It might be overstating the growth in our industry to call it 'phenomenal', but calling it 'dramatic' just seems too conservative," Maher said. "In reviewing industry analysts' projections for 1985, we find they range from a low of 175,000 customers to a high of 275,000. We felt that these would be conservative when we hit 203,000 by mid-year."

Maher said that documented figures on service revenues were not as specific as those in the subscriber and capital investment categories.

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"The service revenues are at a minimum of \$306,196,873," Maher said. "But three carriers either omitted the information or returned it in a form that could not be computed. In any case, it was up from \$178,084,808 at the beginning of the year, representing at least a 72 percent increase."

The number of cell sites increased from 346 to 913, reflecting both a growth in the existing subscriber base and the addition of new systems during the year.

The cellular industry, first licensed for commercial service in 1983, began the year with 33 systems in operation, although 90 cities had been licensed. Under the Federal Communications Commission mandate, two carriers are licensed to operate in each market.

The 102 operating systems are in 80 markets. Because the information is considered proprietary, statistics on individual cities are not available.

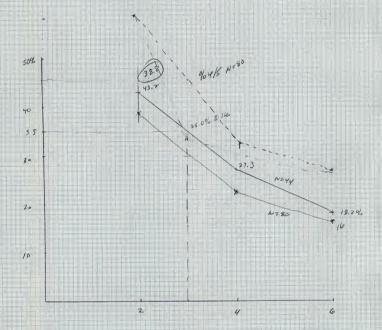
Maher said that much of the growth can be attributed to the additional systems which went on line, but that reports from systems operating prior to the beginning of 1985 have also shown strong growth.

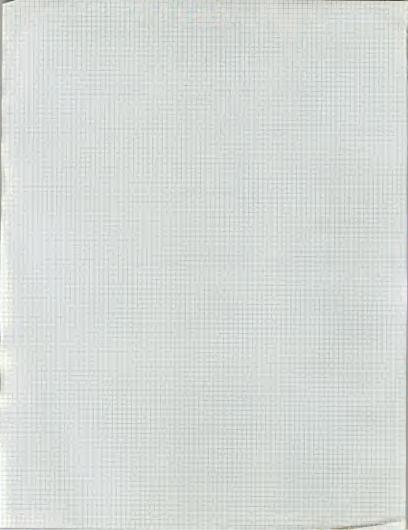
"The value of cellular continues to be enhanced as additional cities come on line. It means that the subscriber can use his phone in a wider and wider environment. And each new city which receives cellular service will bring us closer to realizing our original promise of a truly national communications service," Maher said.

"We have seen dramatic progress in 1985. But I think 1986 will be equally as impressive for the industry," Maher said. "I think we will double the number of systems. And most of the top 10 cities which do not have two operators competing, should by the end of the year."



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By Leonard Heymann NEW YORK — A federal ap-peals court in New York has set aside FCC rules that would have restricted minors from gaining access to "dial-a-porn" message services, but did not prevent the commission from enacting the same regulations in other states.

The rules, requiring either a credit card or personal identifica-tion number (PIN) to access the adult-messages services, are un-workable in New York Telephone (Continued on Page 37)



IBM Links S/370. S/36 To Token Net: **Enhances Software**

By Laurel Nelson-Rowe RYE BROOK, N.Y. - IBM last week took the next major step in connectivity for its Token-Ring Network bringing the System/370 mainframe and System/36 departmental minicomputer into the fold of systems that connect directly to the local-area network

that connect directly to the local-area network.

In the first flurry of Token-Ring Network follow-ons
since the network's debut last year (CommunicationsWeek, Oct. 21, 1985), IBM also unveiled a second
version of the Token-Ring Network PC Adapter, the add-in board that links PCs to the LAN, to support IBM Industrial Computers. Other hardware

(Continued on Page 37)

Brown Chairs Last Annual Meeting; No Successor Named

By Anna Zornosa SAN FRANCISCO — Charles L. Brown, 65, AT&T's chairman since 1979, swung the gavel for the last time at the 131st annual meeting last Tuesday, bidding farewell to the company's shareholders. He will retire in August.

Brown laced his comments to stockholders and the press with references to his accomplishments during his sevenyear tenure. But he disappointed analysts who predicted he'd tip his hand about who will be named to succeed him.

Though Brown maintained his composure as he recounted his stewardship of the company during its pivotal years, his wife, Ann Lee Brown, had told employees that the departure was triggering deepfelt emotions.

Speaking after her husband at an employee meeting the night before, she

expressed how difficult the prospect of chairing his last meeting was for Brown. She said he had chosen not to express his feelings to employees personally for fear he would cry, accord-

ing to an AT&T employee present.

The Browns regard AT&T as their family and wish they did not have to leave in August, she said. Brown's par-ents worked for AT&T: His father worked for AT&T Long Lines for 37 years and his mother was a Long Lines operator supervisor. AT&T rules man-

date retirement at the age of 65. Brown looked haggard at the share holders' meeting. His eyes bore heavy bags and his usual curt manner during press conferences was even more accentuated. One employee attributed his appearance and demeanor to (Continued on Page 6)

Small Cellular Mkts. Get Hot

Ry Steven Titch In the nation's largest cities cellular telephones have become so commonplace that the image of a businessman wheeling through rush hour traffic with a phone in his hand no longer turns

many heads But in smaller markets cellular remains a novelty, if it exists at all That means new opportunities for system opera-tors, for their cus-tomers—and for rubberneckers not

vet conditioned to the sight of those one-handed drivers. The smaller markets also repre sent new opportunities and challenges for transmission equipment trend in cellular radio telephone systems, as equipment vendors seek to satisfy the needs of cellular radio operators demanding economical networks they can bring on line

quickly And that demand for smaller systems has provided a forum for start-up suppli-ers to challenge the leaders—Motorola Cellular Switching Inc., AT&T, Northern

Systems Telecom Inc. and Ericsson Radio Systems Inc.-with economical, low-end cellular switching gear aimed at wireline (telcoowned) and non-wireline carriers. Robust competition and enhanced

sales of stand-alone systems in (Continued on Page 21)

vendors. Scaled-down systems for

PROFILE

COS President A Real General



ready for the 'challenge

By Laurel Nelson-Rowe ALEXANDRIA, VA. — He's left behind the three-star epaulets, the spit-shined shoes and the tendency to salute instead of shaking hands, but other vestiges of a 35-year military career are still quite evident in Lincoln

Faurer, the new president of the Corpo-ration for Open Systems.

Introduced as "the General," the retired Air Force officer has shucked his uniform for conservative suits and white shirts. But while the surface details have changed, Faurer intends to use the discipline, tactics, diplomacy and management expertise he gained in decades of military assignments to help

make COS an influential world force Harnessing the resources of COS' membership-upwards of 41 computer and communications equipment manu-(Continued on Page 36)

Cellular Groups Jockey For Lottery Positions

By Steven Titch WASHINGTON - Three non-wireline cellular settlement groups last week were rushing to complete a merger agreement in time for this afternoon's FCC

lottery for markets 121 to 135. The maneuvers-bewildering as the IRS tax code, much a gamble as a keno card—are in response to FCC rules that have undergone frequent and fundamental changes since the agency started awarding cellular per-

mits several years ago. Last week's frenzied activity reflected investor anxiety as thousands of cellular applicants competed for a hand-ful of cellular permits. For many players, joining a settlement group seems the only hope of getting a piece of the action-tiny though the pieces may turn out to be.

Members of a settlement group agree that whichever one of them wins the lottery will sell slightly less than half its construction permit to the remaining group members. The FCC requires that the winner retain a majority interest

According to David Bednarsh, president of Mobile (Continued on Page 36)

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New Small Switch Vendors Heat Cellular Competition

small markets may be a consequence of these vendors' emergence.

Most wireline carriers have gotten off to substantial headstarts over their non-wireline competitors in the top 90 U.S. cellular markets, almost all of which have service. And mobile tele-phone switching offices (MTSOs) and their accompanying radio-frequency (RF) gear are either installed or on order in some smaller cities.

Likewise, many non-wirelines in the top 90 markets have already ordered their systems, even though some large non-wireline contracts in the top 30 are still up for grabs. Those awards will probably come later this year.

But in markets smaller than the top 90, the field is still virtually wide open for equipment vendors. Further, the geographic and economic consider-ations of the smaller markets provide a dimension of design flexibility not found in larger cellular markets.

Cellular operators have three op-tions when building a system for smaller markets (Communications-Week, March 24). If the city adjoins or Reading, Pa. and Philadelphia—cell sites in the smaller city can be built to transmit, or "backhaul," calling traffic transmit, or backman, calling traffic to the high-capacity switch of the larg-er city via long-distance lines. That way there is no local switching intelli-gence; all calls are processed by the ig-city switch. A second option is a remote switching

unit (RSU) in the smaller city, driven by a large switch in the larger city. The RSU handles call-switching functions for the smaller city but leaves to the MTSO the major processing oper-

data, traffic analysis and diagnostics.
The third option is a self-contained, stand-alone system. Though the initial investment can be as high

as \$5 million, prices appear to be declining. This option thus presents an increasingly attractive choice, es-pecially for wirelines, in light of the

rising costs for backhaul.

Bell companies have typically adopted one of the first two options and have made their largest cities hubs for cellular operations. For in-stance, Ameritech Mobile Communi-cations Inc., Schaumburg, Ill., oper-ates a Flint, Mich., cellular network, using capacity from its Detroit system. Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems

Inc., Dallas, operates San Antonio, Texas, from its MTSO in Dallas. Almost all carriers begin with the first option, backhauling cellular traf-fic in small cities to the hub cities. Experts examining the often grim demand forecasts for the below-top-90 market generally predicted that back-hauling would predominate indefinitely. hauling would predominate indefinitely.

A Robert R. Nathan Associates Inc.

report released earlier this year, for example, predicted that only 37 mar-kets below the top 90 would be able to support two carriers. Nathan, a Washsupport two carriers. Nathan, a maon-ington-based analysis firm, said that to be viable those two carriers would have to backhaul calling traffic, because system procurement in such a case would be economically unfeasible (CommunicationsWeek, Feb. 24).

System engineers at Ameritech un-doubtedly had this forecast as well as others in mind when it began service in Dayton, Ohio, by backhauling to a Northern Telecom switch in Colum-

bus. In only a few months, however, subscribership had mushroomed to more than 1,000, and long-distance

costs mounted. Ameritech was proceeding with plans to cut over a remote switch to handle the increasing traffic when Northern approached it with a counter offer: a scaled-down version of Northern's MTX switch, configured especially for smaller applications, at the same cost as the remote. Ameritech agreed and

the new switch was placed in operation. The MTX-M (M for Mini), was Richardson, Texas-based Northern's answer to what appears to be a serious assault by two smaller companies, CTI Inc., Corinth, Miss., and Quintron

Corp., Quincy, Ill.
The established suppliers remain dominant. But CTI's and Quintron's scaled-down equipment, often requiring an initial investment of less than \$1 million, is shaping up as a threat in the small-systems market-a market which, according to analysts, did not

exist six months ago.

For example, NewVector Communications Inc., a subsidiary of U S West Inc. but operating as a non-wireline in Omaha, Neb., has just selected a CTI switch, which uses E.F. Johnson radio and base-station equipment. NewVector also just recently cut over a Quin-tron system it had been testing in

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Motorola Leads Small Pack Of Cellular System Makers

By Steven Titch Call Motorola Inc. the leader of the cellular vendors pack. Primarily because it has the widest array of equipment and a solid record in mobile communications systems, Motorola has won the largest num-ber of contracts—58, with 38 of those

in operation by the end of March Motorola has been particularly strong among non-wirelines, where key contracts include Cellular Telekey contracts include Cellular Telephone Co., New York; Cellular One, Washington; and Gencom Cellular Inc., Atlanta. Motorola is also principle supplier to GTE Mobilnet Inc., Houston; United TeleSpectrum Inc., the cellular arm of Kansas City-based United Telecommunications. Inc. and Certal Cellular incare Inc. and Certal Cellular incare Inc. tions Inc.; and Centel Cellular

Inc., Chicago. In addition, Motorola has sold small systems to BellSouth Mobility Inc., Atlanta; Nynex Mobile Com-munications Inc., Pearl River, N.Y.; munications Inc., Pearl River, N.Y.; and Southwestern Bell Mobile Sys-tems Inc., Dallas. Even so, its overall penetration of the Bell market has been minimal

Doing the busiest Bell business is

AT&T, which has clinched 44 conracts and and brought 38 systems on line. Most of those have been Bell: AT&T has had little success on the



wireline contract, for three systems with McCaw Cellular Communications Inc., Bellevue, Wash., may produce a windfall. McCaw bought MCI
Airsignal's cellular holdings and
now controls several more markets in the top 30 in which contracts are still to be awarded.

AT&T's primary competitor for wireline business is Northern Telecom Inc., Richardson, Texas. Northern has teamed its switch with Gen-eral Electric Co.'s cellular radio fre-quency (RF) gear to provide a turn-key system. Northern is primary vendor to NewVector Communications Inc., a U S West subsidiary, and has made inroads with the other BOCs. So far it has 16 contracts with

BOUS. So far it has 16 contracts with 14 systems in operation. Ericsson Radio Systems Inc. has major non-wireline pacts with the Cellular One companies in Chi-cago, Detroit, San Francisco and Buffalo. Radio Systems is a unit of Ericsson Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of LM Ericsson Telephone Co., Swe-den, the worldwide leader in cellular system sales.

ular One cities has enabled it to scoop up non-wireline business in the surrounding areas for a total of 16 contracts. Delays on the nonwireline side, however, have resulted in cutover of only three Ericsson

Astronet Corp., Lake Mary, Fla., a joint venture of Stromberg-Carlson Corp. and Japan's Mitsubishi Electric Corp., was plagued by a slow start and has only made three sales. NEC America Inc.'s Switching Systems Division, Richardson, Japanese parent supplied Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Public Corp. with the world's first cellular system,

Start-ups Quintron Corp., Quincy, Ill., and CTI Inc., Corinth, Miss., have sold one system each.

In the also-ran category comes Harris Corp.'s RF Communications Sector, Rochester, N.Y., which sold three systems before bowing out of the switching market late last year. Another casualty was ITI Network Systems, Raleigh, N.C., Which failed to sell any cellular MTSOs.



Smaller Cellular Markets Represent New Challenges,

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subsidize the other.
So cost is an important consideration, even for a telco, said Jerry Wolfer, NewVector's director of operations.
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we do whatever inaces conomic sense, "Veffer said as cheaply status as assisted," said Tos cheaply sussisted vice president of system development at Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems This involves studying construction costs, real estate acquisition and backhaul costs, which, if not figured properly, "can kill you," O'Malley said.

Though Southwestern Bell has thus far procured its cellular gear from AT&T Network Systems, Morristown, N.J., and Motorola, Schaumberg, the ompany will be considering bids from a new list of suppliers—in-cluding Quintronfor systems in Southwestern's smaller markets, O'Mal-

ley said

Kevin Colosia, marketing manager for cellular system products at Motorola's Systems Division, sees two segments in the wireline market. "There are the larger independents that are spread across the country and then there are the BOCs, which have a strong regional presence," Colosia said." lanticipate the regional companies will try to maximize their franchised areas." Motorola is addressing the

entire cellular market, from its EMX-2500 high-capacity digital MTSO down to its re-cently-introduced EMX II, whose capacity is limited to four cells and 54 votec channels. This switch, however, will be considered to the control of the control of the control of the Capo is a cellular version of the DEX600 tandem switch manufactured and supplied to Motorola by Digital Switch Corp., Plano, Texas

Motorola maintains an advantage, however, with its installed base of MTSOs and, of late, its ability to network its witches. This cap with the control of th

DMX will ultimately lead to dor," he switch-to-switch "handoffs," North

in which a moving caller can

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dor," he said.
Northern Telecom expects to have switch-to-switch handfic capability available by August, according to Leonard McCoy, senior account manager for cellular mobile telephone service. "We expect this to be a strong factor with the 90-plus markets," McCoy said. Northern's method also provides operators with call-traf-

tic tracking and breakdown on a cell-by-cell basis, enabling operators to note patterns in usage and project capability requirements.

Still, the size of Northern's MTX-M, with a minimum of 96 ports, may be too large to compete effectively with smaller and less expensive gear.

AT&T, with only two models—the Autoplex 10 and the

Autoplex 100—gives every indication it will not be pursuing the small system market, choosing instead to work with its BOC customers at expanding existing systems to cover wider areas. Examples include Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems' so-called Supersystem, linking Autoplexes in Philadelphia; Wilmington, Del.; and Atlantic City, N.J.





New Opportunities For System Equipment Vendors

At a recent trade show, Cynthia Zey, department chief for cellular systems at AT&T Network Systems, said the company would adopt this expansion policy throughout the smaller MSAs. Zey was unavailable for this report, and the company of the compan

ing marketing or product plans in the small markets. Petrow did say that AT&T

Petrow did say that AT&T plans to make Autoplex-to-Autoplex handoff capability available later this year.

Seeking Standards

The Electronic Industries Association has been unable so far to arrive at standards that would allow handoffs

among competing manufacturers' switches.

Most suppliers remain reluctant to share proprietary information, despite having submitted engineering proposals. Optimists see a protocol emerging by the end of this year; pessimists don't expect real progress much before 1987 or 1988. The one thing both sides agree about is that a universal protocol must be developed for cellular to become a truly nationwide mo-

bile communications network. Ericsson has switch-to-switch networking in the engineering phase but no specific availability date, said Barry Kratz, Ericsson's director of operations. Like AT&T. Ericsson has no specialized standalone equipment aimed at op-

erators in small markets. Its market strategy is based on

backhaul alternatives.
Using a major contract in
Detroit as an anchor, for example, Ericsson is now building systems for non-wirelines
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smaller markets around San
Francisco, Chicago and Houston, where Ericsson has also
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on non-wireline contracts. One cost advantage that Ericsson is exploiting is the non-wirelines' ability to construct and operate their own long-haul lines. The BOCs are revented by the AT&T divestiture agreement from providing service across LATA (local access transport area) boundaries. Those restrictions, however, probably won't last for-ever. Several Bell companies already have waiver requests pending before U.S. district judge Harold H. Greene on this matter. The BOCs argue that, for cellular, the inter-LATA restriction is competi-

tively injurious.
Smaller suppliers Quintron
and CTI agree with other vendors that cost is a major priority among carriers. Yet, unlike Ericsson and AT&T, they
believe operators also seek the
greater degree of control that
a stand-alone switch affords.

"The technological advantage of a stand-alone switch is servicability without dependency," said Glen Teason, cellular sales manager for Quintron. Both Quintron and CTI use

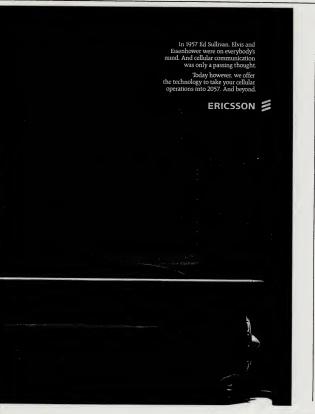
Both Quintron and CTI use the modular concept—building up a smaller system, instead of borrowing down from a larger one. Both companies can offer starter systems of two or three cells for under \$1 million.

Jim Davis, senior staff engineer for cellular hardware at CTI, scoffs at the notion that cellular will not make it to the small markets. "I think all wirelines will put a system online," he said, "at some point, even in the small markets, that I radiol spectrum will be a valuable commodity."

Quintron's Teason is equally upbeat. "Our system is economical due to its modularity," he said. "We customtailor hardware and software for unique applications. Each type of carrier has its special needs. We try to hit their 'hot button."

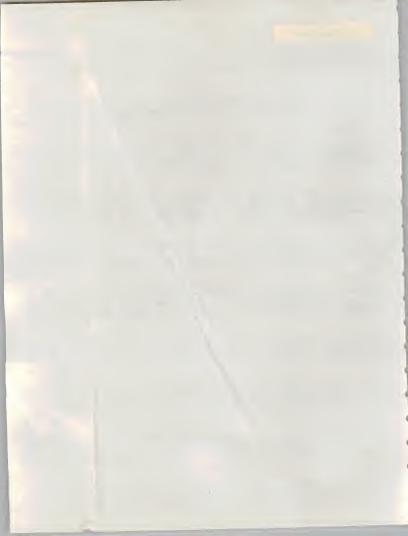
In addition to its standalone switch, Quintron offeroperators a variety of alternatives, including cell sites with compact, often pole-mounted equipment especially economical for highway corridors, Teason said.

Both companies are vigorously marketing to wirelines and non-wirelines, which they see as having similar needs, albeit different ways of doing business.





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7	CITY	PBP	PHONES 85	PEN 85	PHONES 30	PEN 98		
8	NEW YORK	13700	43700	8.319	131000		* CHANGE	
9	LOS ANGELES	11615	51900	8,447	154000	9.955	199.8	
10	CHICAGO	7854	26500	0.337	83600	1.326	196, 7	
11	PHILADELPHIA	4770	11400	0.239	39500	1.064	215.5	
12	DETROIT	4718	10000	8.212	34900	0.828	246.5	
13	ROSTEN	3678	13500	0,367	45600	8,748	249.0	
14	SAN FRANCISCO-SAN JOSE	5711	25688	0, 367	85488	1.240	237.8	
15	WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE	5189	19788	8,388	65600	1.513	237.5	
16	DALLAS	3379	11600	0,343	46000	1,264	233, 8	
17	HOUSTON	3595	12200	0.339	46588	1.361	296.6	
18	ST. LOUIS	2399	4580	0.188	19100	1,293	281,1	
19	MIAMI	2898	6586	8,214	26500	0.796	324, 4	
20	PITTSBURGH	2377	2100	0,088	11428	8,914	327.4	
21	MINNEAPOLIS	2218	6888	0,397	26988	1.213	442,9	
22	CLEVELAND-AKRON	2783	3700	0.133	17200	0.618	295, 6	
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	ATLANTA	2393	5400	0,226	24200	1,011	364.9	
24	SAN DIEJO	2085	4800	0.230	21200	1.017	348.1	
25	DENVER	1824	5100	8,288	21988	1.201	341.7	
26	MILWAUKEE	1390	2790	0.194	11488	8.820	329, 4	
27	TAMPA	1837	898	8,044	7399	8.397	322.2 812.5	
28	CINCINNATI	1541	2100	0,136	9600	8,623	357.1	
29	KANSAS CITY	1473	3700	0.251	14800	1,005	300.0	
	RUFFALD	1210	1300	8.187	6388	8,521	384.6	
31	PHOENIX	1736	2000	0, 115	11300	0.651	455, 0	
32	INDIANAPOLIS	1199	1700	8,142	8008	0.667	378.6	
33	NEW DRLEAMS	1338	1100	9.082	6568	0.486	490.9	
54	PORTLAND	349	1988	0.141	9600	0.712	495,3	
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EW YORK	13790	43700	8.319	131000	PEN 98	x CHANGE						
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HICAGO	7854	26500	0.337	83522	1.054	215.5						
HILADELPHIA	4770	11400	8.239	39500	0,828	246.5						
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OSTON	3678	13500	0.367	45600	1.248	237. 8						
AN FRANCISCO-SAN JOSE	5711	25600	8,448	85488	1.513	237.5						
ASHINGTON-BALTIMORE	5189	19783	8,388	65698	1,264	233.0						
91195	3379	11500	0.343	45000	1.361	296, 5						
OUSTON	3595	12260	0.339	46599	1,293	291.1						
T. LOUIS	2399	4500	8.158	19180	2,735	324, 4						
IAMI	2898	6200	0.214	26500	8,914	327, 4						
ITTSBURGH	2377	2199	9, 933	11400	9.488	442.3						
INNEAPOLIS	2218	5896	8.387	25922	1.213	295, 5						
LEVELAND-AYRON	2783	3700	0.133	17202	8.618	354,9						
TLANTA	2393	5498	0.226	24288	1.011	346.1						
AN DIEGO	2085	4329	0.230	21288	1.017	341.7						
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ILWAUKEE	1390	2788	8.194	11400	0.828	322, 2						
SMPA	1837	698	8.044	7388	0.397	812,5						
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KIENIX	1736	2000	0, 115	11300	0.651	465.0						
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1	NEW YORK	13700	43700	0.319	56186	8.418	72239	0.527	92878	0.678	119415	0.872	131000	0.956	199.8
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	CHICAGO	7854	26568	0.337	34271	0.434	43806	0.558	56322	8.717	72414	0.922	83698	1.054	215.5
	PHILADELPHIA	4778	11400	0,239	14557	0.387	18845	0.395	24229	0.508	31152	0.653	39500	0.828	245.5
_	DETROIT	4718	10000	0,212	12857	0.273	16531	0.350	21254	0.450	27326	0.579	34900	0.740	249.0
	BOSTON	3678	13500	0.367	17357	8.472	22316	0.607	28592	0.780	36890	1.203	45600	1.248	237.8
	SAN FRANCISCO-SAN JOSE	5711	25600	0.448	32914	0.576	42318	0.741	54409	0.953	69955	1,225	86400	1.513	237.5
	WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE	5189	19700	0.380	25329	0,488	32565	0.628	41870	0.807	53832	1.037	65600	1.264	233.0
	DALLAS	3379	11500	0.343	14914	0.441	19176	0.567	24654	0.730	31698	0, 938	46000	1.361	296.6
	HOUSTON	3595	12298	0.339	15686	0,435	20167	0.561	25929	0.721	33338	0.927	46500	1.293	281.1
	ST. LOUIS	2399	4500	9.188	5786	0.241	7439	0.310	9564	0.399	12297	0.513	19100	0.796	324.4
	MIAMI	2898	6888	0.214	7971	0.275	19249	0.354	13177	0.455	16942	0.585	26500	0.914	327.4
	PITTSBURGH	2377	2100	0.088	2700	0.114	3471	0.146	4463	0.188	5738	0.241	11400	0.480	442.9
5	MINNEAPOLIS	2218	6800	0.307	8743	0.394	11241	0.507	14452	0.552	18582	9.838	25900	1.213	295.6
	CLEVELAND-AKRON	2783	3788	0.133	4757	8.171	5116	0.220	7864	0.283	10111	0,363	17200	0.618	364.9
,	ATLANTA	2393	5488	0.226	6943	0.298	8927	0.373	11477	0.480	14756	9,617	24200	1.011	348.1
	SAN DIEGO	2085	4828	0.230	6171	0.296	7935	Ø.381	10202	8,489	13117	0.629	51509	1.017	341.7
	DENVER	1824	5100	0.280	6557	0.359	8431	0.462	10839	8.594	13936	0.764	21900	1.201	329.4
	MILWAUKEE	1390	2700	0.194	3471	0.250	9463	0.321	5738	0.413	7378	0.531	11400	0.820	322.2
1	Тамра	1837	808	0.844	1929	0.056	1322	0.872	1780	0.093	2186	0.113	7380	8.397	812.5
	CINCINNATI	1541	2100	0.136	2700	8.175	3471	0.225	4463	0.290	5738	0.372	9680	8,623	357.1
	KANSAS CITY	1473	3700	0.251	4757	0.323	5116	0,415	7864	0.534	10111	9, 686	14820	1.005	386. 8
	BUFFALO	1218	1300	8.187	1671	0.138	2149	0.178	2763	0,228	3552	0.234	6380	0.521	384.6
	PHOENIX	1736	2000	0.115	2571	0.148	3306	0.190	4251	0,245	5465	0.315	11300	0.651	465.0
	INDIANAPOLIS	1199	1780	0.142	2185	0.182	2810	0.234	3613	0.301	4645	0.387	8000	0.667	37%, 6
,	NEW DRLEAMS	1338	1199	0.082	1414	0.106	1818	0, 136	2338	0.175	3005	0, 225	5500	0.486	498.9
	PORTLAND	1349	1988	8.141	2443	0.181	3141	0,233	4038	0,299	5198	0.385	9600	0.712	405.3
	TATA!	96259	282000	0.293	369571	0,377	466163	0,484	599353	0.623	770596	0.801	986300	1.025	249.8
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